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HONG KONG'S NEXT GOVERNOR

Sir Alexander Grantham's Appointment Announced

One Of Youngest In Recent History

The name of Hong Kong's next Governor, to succeed H.E. Sir Mark Young, was officially announced by the Colonial Office last night.

The appointment goes to Sir Alexander Grantham, who has been Governor of Fiji since 1944.

Sir Alexander is only 48 years of age and is, therefore, one of the youngest Governors in the Colony's recent history.

He becomes the third ex-cadet officer who, having commenced his Colonial Office career in Hong Kong, has subsequently achieved promotion to the Governorship of the Colony, his predecessors being Sir Henry May (who was also for a time Governor of Fiji) and Sir Cecil Clementi.

Sir Alexander Grantham, who is well remembered for, among other things his plurality of initials, A.W.G.H., served in Hong Kong from 1922 until 1932. He came most prominently before the public eye when acting as Second Magistrate at the Central Police Court. He went later to the Colonial Secretariat.

Official Statement

The official announcement of the appointment issued last night stated:

"It is announced by the Colonial Office that His Majesty has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Alexander William George Herder Grantham, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander in Chief of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to be Governor and Commander in Chief, Hong Kong, in succession to Sir Mark Aitchison Young, G.C.M.G., who will shortly be retiring from that appointment."

No Surprise

The announcement comes as no surprise. Sir Alexander Grantham's name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the Hong Kong Governorship, carrying considerable local approval, and rumour has been persistent in recent weeks predicting the appointment.

Sir Alexander was 48 years of age on March 15, less than a week ago. He was created C.M.G. in 1941 and K.C.M.G., in 1945, shortly after VJ Day.

He was only 36 when he was appointed Conolial Secretary, Bermuda, in 1935. He served in that capacity until 1938, when he was appointed Chief Secretary in Jamaica, holding that post until 1941. After special war service, he was appointed Governor of Fiji towards the end of 1944.

Nanking 'Hands Off' Parade

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

A new crop of anti-Soviet and anti-Foreign intervention posters appeared in Shanghai streets this morning featuring a huge sheet of yellow paper plastered in front of the Soviet-owned "Russian Daily News" with a red-inked Taoist symbol which is considered to be a charm to drive off evils.

Additionally, smaller posters were saying "Hands off, Ye Imperialists." Others said, "Return Us Dairen" and "Molotov Does Not Talk Reason."

Meanwhile, the Chinese press continued to play up reports of demonstrations in principal cities throughout China opposing Moscow discussion on China.

A United Press dispatch from Nanking said 4,000 middle school students demonstrated yesterday afternoon against Molotov's "insulting" proposal. University students were conspicuously absent from the demonstrations.

The middle school students, most of them below 16, marched for two hours through Nanking's main streets, ending with a mass demonstration in front of the Foreign Ministry and chalking slogans demanding a strong policy.—United Press.

Tanker In Distress

Sunderland, Mar. 18.

Two men were drowned today when two lifeboats of the "Dilona" (8,146 tons) British tanker on passage from Haifa, smashed against the ship's side after she had struck a submerged wreck off Sunderland.

The seamen in the boats were thrown into the rough seas over which oil from the ship was spreading.

Tonight the "Dilona" is drifting towards the shore in a heavy mist and may blow up on beaching. She was within one hour of her destination, Jarrow, when she struck the wreck. Two steam tugs which had been sent to the tanker's help could not reach her because of the danger of fire.

The lifeboat rescued the crew, many of whom were Chinese. Eight seamen were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

PEIPING INCIDENT

Peiping, Mar. 19.

The Chinese police announced today they will protest to the American authorities over Monday's killing of a Chinese by an MP guarding the American installations.

The protest demands punishment of the "culprits," compensation and a guarantee against a similar incident in future.

The police said the victim was a primary school student, Wang Feng-shi, who was playing marbles on the outskirts of the field, waiting to buy leftovers of Marine food, when hit by the fatal bullet.—United Press.

PAGING EDGAR WALLACE

London, Mar. 19.

Scotland Yard's list of the nine most wanted burglars made interesting reading today.

They were:

Oliver Twist, the Thin Man, the Silent Thief, Slipperp Sam, Skylight Robbers (four slippery characters) and the Human Fly.—United Press.

Labour Schism On Conscription

London, Mar. 18.

More than 50 Labour M.Ps. tonight signed a motion calling for rejection of the National Service (conscription) Bill.

The motion was in the form of an amendment demanding that the Bill be "read again this day six months," the equivalent of a rejection of the measure.

Its supporters included those who object to conscription on conscientious grounds: Left wingers; and those who believe that the Government should not tie up manpower in military commitments in the midst of an economic crisis.

Many of the signers were reported to be determined to force the issue to a division and to vote against the Government.

The Labour Party in the past traditionally has opposed conscription on conscientious grounds.—United Press.

JAP. TREATY MUST WAIT

Washington, Mar. 19.

United States Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson told a press conference today that further progress would have to be made on European peace treaties before the Japanese treaty could be taken up.

Replying to a question on General Douglas MacArthur's declaration that a Japanese treaty be prepared as quickly as possible, and the occupation of Japan ended, he said that the State Department had been working for some time on the preparatory stages of the Japanese treaty.—Reuter.

"New Deal" For China Now Planned

Nanking, Mar. 19.

An unimpeachable source told the United Press today that the most important proposals introduced by the third plenary session of the Kuomintang's CEC are designed to give China a "new deal" in the political, economic, financial and social as well as party fields.

The major provisions in these proposals are:

1. Issuance of a new currency when the opportune time arrives and economic conditions are stabilized.

2. Abolition of the joint office of the four Government banks or its reorganization into a policy-making and planning agency.

3. Imposition of land value and land increment taxes.

4. Restriction of imports, permitting however, unlimited import of tools, machinery, raw material and quotas for rice wheat and cotton.

5. Increased commodity taxes and customs duties and the doubling of the salt tax.

6. Welcome foreign capital and technical cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity.

7. Broaden the Government basis as the Kuomintang's top priority before convocation of the next Assembly.

8. Breaking all clique organizations within the Kuomintang.

Observers said that the proposals on party reforms and the party's policies at the present stage are equivalent to the Kuomintang's self-indictment. They point out that the Kuomintang has to conclude its political tutelage because its tutelage has failed to achieve the aims of national reconstruction.

The proposals also call for the establishment of a healthy civil service.—United Press.

Cardinal Sees Red

Birmingham, Mar. 19.

Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, speaking today at an luncheon which followed the consecration of Monsignor Joseph Masterson as Archbishop of Birmingham, said: "In many parts of eastern Europe, man has no freedom either to act or to express himself or to practice his religion.

"Latvia, Lithuania and Esthonia have all been absorbed by Russia and consequently the Atlantic Charter has become mockery.

"I think it is time that we call a halt to compromise and expediency. I think it is time that we asserted the principles on which international relations must be based. In this respect we applaud the recent statement made by President Truman about Greece and Turkey and the action he proposes to take.

"I think it is time that this country denounced the horrors that are being perpetrated in the name of democracy and freedom in so many parts of eastern Europe, where millions of men are still in concentration camps, where millions are put to forced labour and where old Christian traditions are being uprooted and men are being persecuted for their faith and religion."—Reuter.

ATTLEE CONFIDENT

London, Mar. 19.

The Prime Minister, Mr. C. R. Attlee, is now convinced that the economic crisis has not materially damaged the position of the British Labour Government.

A spokesman said that reports that Mr. Attlee will call a general election for next year are "completely without foundation."

The informant indicated that Labour leaders have firm control over the Left Wing of the Party which recently has been increasingly critical of Mr. Attlee's foreign policy and manpower programme.

So confident is Government of its position, that the spokesman predicted disciplinary action against "rebels" in Parliament if they attempted to force a division of the House of Commons on the subject of conscription.—United Press.

Air Disaster In Ceylon

Colombo, Mar. 19.

An R.A.F. York transport plane crashed into a grove of coconut trees four miles north of Negombo early today killing eleven persons. The plane was en route from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

Two of the nine passengers and two of the six crew survived the crash which occurred shortly after the take-off.

It is believed engine failure caused the crack-up. Fire followed the crash.—United Press.

Paris, Mar. 19.

Pierre Caziot, 70-year-old former Vichy Minister of Food, was today found guilty by a Versailles court of "national indignity" and sentenced to loss of civil rights and confiscation of half of his property.

The chief charge against him was that he had signed racial laws and delivered a number of speeches in praise of Marshal [illegible]—Reuter.

Russian Shot Dead In Korean Dispute

Seoul, Mar. 19.

One Russian was killed and another seriously injured last night in a gun battle with Korean police in the American occupation zone, military sources said today.

The sources fixed the scene of the fighting at Sanjik Tong, which is a village 10 miles east of Kaesong and three-quarters of a mile south of the 38th Parallel.

The fighting occurred when Red Army troops, who crossed the line, broke up a jurisdictional argument during rice distribution by opening fire with machine-guns. The Russian troops then retreated back across the border, taking the bodies of their casualties with them before United States troops arrived from Kaesong.

Korean troops who had resisted the Russians retained two Russian machine-guns, which they claimed to have obtained from the attacking Red Army forces.

Investigation shows that 100 rounds had been fired from the guns.

One Korean was wounded.

Preliminary investigation disclosed that four South Korean police were distributing the rice ration in Sanjik Tong at 4 p.m. when two Russian soldiers came from an outpost three-quarters of a mile to the north. A dispute followed whether the village was in Soviet or American territory. Both the Koreans and Russians put weapons aside and argued heatedly for 20 minutes until the Soviet soldiers struck a Korean policeman.

The Soviets opened fire, wounding a South Korean policeman. The Korean, armed with a carbine, thereupon fatally shot one Soviet soldier and wounded another.

The Koreans handed over to the Americans arriving from Kaesong shortly afterwards two Soviet sub-machine-guns with 28 and 69 rounds, respectively, out of a normal charge of 100 rounds each.

No American troops were involved.—United Press.

GETTING OUT

London, Mar. 19.

A high Government source today confirmed that Britain has informed the United States it is "hoped to evacuate British troops from [illegible] about August."—United Press.

BRITAIN'S TRADE BOSS

London, Mar. 19.

A high Government source said the name of Britain's new "production manager"—key figure in the Government's long range industrial planning programme—could be expected by the end of the week.

The appointee will be an industrialist without active affiliations.—United Press.

Red Light Flare-Up In Rome

Rome, Mar. 19.

Two girls and the proprietress were slightly wounded when a bomb exploded in a house of assignation in downtown Rome last night.

The bomb, which was placed on the doorstep, plunged the district into darkness, smashing windows and seriously damaging the house.

Scantily clad girls fled the house screaming with terror and took refuge in a nearby restaurant.

The police said they believed the bomb was planted by the proprietor of a nearby house who has been taken into custody.

Four years ago today a political bomb exploded in almost the same spot killing 32 German soldiers which resulted in the Nazi Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians and for which Field Marshal Albert Kesselring is now on trial in Venice.—United Press.

Windsor Shops Knee Deep In Water

London, Mar. 19.

Heavy and prolonged rains were predicted today throughout most of Britain's flooded areas and while the Thames gradually subsided the Fens were swamped in the worst disaster of their history.

In the flat country stretching inland from England's East Coast to the north of London every elevation however slight was regarded as a haven by inhabitants of the Fens.

Three quarters of the Cambridgeshire Fens are under water and floods from the Great Ouse basin—from Bedford and beyond—are reaching the overburdened Fen rivers.

High spring tides at the sluices prevented a ready release of the high waters and further rises of the streams are feared.

Rivers are so high that barges carrying materials for strengthening of banks could not sail beneath low bridges and more streams are expected to burst into the flat lands.

Upwards of 1,000 troops struggled to save the sandbagged banks of the Ouse near Ely where the swollen torrent had torn a 100-foot hole in its dykes.

Hundreds of civilians worked throughout last night with the troops using Bailey Bridges of wartime fame and folding boats to go to the aid of stranded householders. Flood waters rolled to within five miles of historic Cambridge.

Thames Falling

The London area apparently is safe as the Thames began to fall.

"There definitely is a slight fall and that goes for Reading and Maidenhead as well," a spokesman at the Thames Conservancy Board said.

However, in Windsor housewives did their morning shopping knee deep in water.

Bread and milk are short in the Windsor area and hundreds of homes are without gas or electricity. There are supplies but most of these homes have coin meters and the meters are deep in their flooded cellars.

Thirty-four of England's 40 counties reported floods and in the entire realm there is only one without weather woes. Of the six flood-free counties only Kent is not bogged down with snow.—United Press.

Fears For India

Canberra, Mar. 19.

Mrs. Menzies Australian opposition leader, during the debate on international affairs in the House of Representatives, said that he had grave doubts if India, whether by education, training and outlook, was ready for self-government.

The British Government's declared intention to quit India he added, might turn out to precipitate the gravest civil disorders, "I have the gravest fears of what may happen when the common factor of British influence is withdrawn.

"If Mr. Attlee's statement (that Britain planned to quit India by June, 1948) involves the abandonment of Dominion status for India, it will be a tragedy for the British Empire and equally for India and the Indian people."—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone is almost stationary over Japan and the seas to the eastward, with a ridge of high pressure extending south-westward to S China. Pressure is relatively low over N and W China. A depression is moving E across the Kuriles.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and SE winds; partly cloudy, probably with morning mist; rather warm.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 71.0° deg. Fah.
Minimum: 60.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.2 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since January 1:—[illegible] mm., as against an average of [illegible] mm.

	Readings at	
	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barom. at sea-level	1019.6 mb.	1018.3 mb.
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Wet Thermometer	56°	71°
Dew Point	51°	65°
Wind Direction	E	ESE
Wind Force	4	11 knots

CHIANG ARMY ENTERS YENAN

Nanking, Mar. 19.

The Ministry of Information announces that Government troops entered the Communist capital of Yenan at 10 a.m. this morning. — United Press.

It is considered likely the Government troops at the end of the nearly 200 mile trip from Sinn found only a handful of peasants awaiting them on Yenan's deserted streets.

The Communist High Command already had put into operation a dispersal scheme which United States observers described as amazingly complete.

The effective scheme which scattered Communists over hundreds of miles between Yenan and the Yellow River omitted only those lowly peasants who are natives of the Yenan area without opposition or position in the civil conflict.

Little Fighting

The city's fall virtually without opposition followed the 10-day softening period in which the Yenan Radio claimed the Nationalist air force made daylong raids on the Yenan region.

The speed with which the Government troops reached their objective indicated that little was wasted in the fighting.

Under the Communist evacuation programme even furniture and stoves were removed from Yenan's caves and buildings. Small portions were packed for transport into dispersal areas, while the remainder were surrendered to the central headquarters for burial "until we return" the Communists said. — Associated Press.

The penetration of the mountain fortress by mobile units of Gen. Hu Tsung-nan's army followed virtual encirclement from the east, south and west after the Reds made a major defence of the capital 25 to 40 miles south and east of Yenan while the Communists carried out wholesale evacuation of the city of women, children and supplies.

The Government troops stormed into Yenan after a week of steady bombing of the mountain stronghold while Gen. Hu's forces drove up from the south.

Communist leaders Chou En-lai and Chu Teh last week intimated to the United Press that Yenan would not be defended but that the Communists would be conserving their strength to strike the flanks and rear.

Yenan is the spiritual as well as the military centre of Communism and its capture is the strongest proof that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is determined to wipe out the Communist force as soon as possible as the only solution to China's internal strife.

Big Claims

The capture coincided with a Government reports of a major victory in Changchun, growing strength in Shantung and steady progress in opening up the railways.

Yenan was virtually deserted last week. The Communists promised the Government forces would find nothing when they arrive—recalling that when the Young Marshal captured it a decade ago the troops were forced to retreat because of lack of food and water.

The Japanese were never closer than the Yellow River though the ancient walled city was utterly destroyed.

With the fall of Yenan and the recent capture of Kalgan, the Communists are without a headquarters and militarily their moves are expected to suffer since the Government forces are expected to swing northward in an extermination drive. — United Press.

No New Currency

Nanking, Mar. 19.

The Minister of Information, Peng Hsueh-pei, told a press conference today: "As we have repeatedly stressed no new currency will be created and despite the fact that some people advocate the gold standard, it is obviously premature to contemplate such a reform."

Dr. Peng denied rumours that the exchange rate will be revised, and announced that the currency in Formosa and Manchuria eventually will be standardised.—United Press.

EARL'S DIVORCE PLEADINGS

London, Mar. 19.

The Earl of Carlisle today named Sir Malcolm Monckton, former director-general of the Ministry of Information, as correspondent in divorce proceedings against the Countess.

The Countess, formerly the Hon. Helen Hore-Ruthven, was chief commander of the ATS in the Southeast Command during the war.

No date has been set for the hearing.—United Press.

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Curious Step By Urban Council

The Hong Kong Trust Corporation, landlords of 24 Village Road, were summond before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for unlawfully permitting the basement garage to be used as a dwelling house or as a shop, on Dec. 16. The case was dismissed.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong pleaded not guilty on behalf of the corporation and contended there was no prima facie case. Mr. Armstrong said the corporation wrote a letter to the Urban Council, informing them that the premises were being used by its tenant and asking for the Urban Council to act.

Instead, Mr. Armstrong said, the corporation received a summons charging it with unlawfully permitting the premises to be used as a dwelling house or as a store.

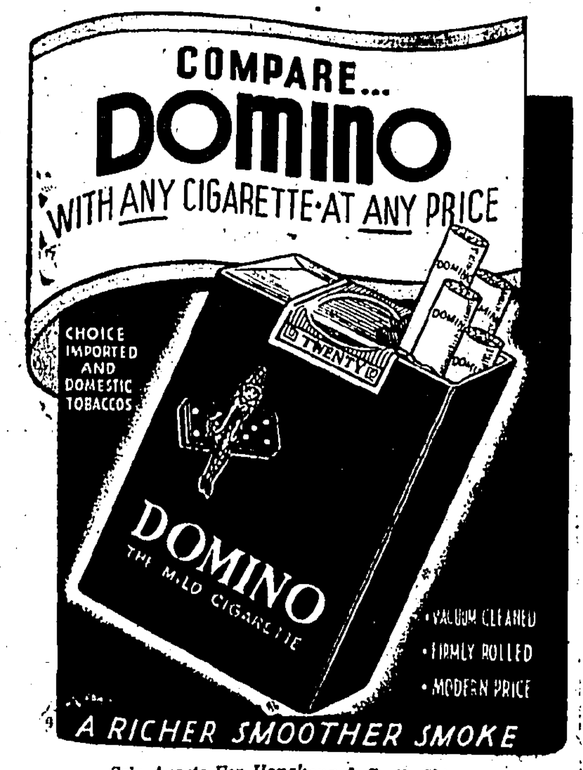
The corporation rented the premises to a woman, Wong Sau-chun, who sublet it to Chu Tse-shing to be used as a dwelling house or as a store. Mr. Armstrong said the corporation had no right to take action against Chu and therefore approached the Urban Council.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Sanitary Inspector Ma Chiu-tung, the premises were unfit for human habitation.

The Magistrate dismissed the summons and ordered the closure of the premises.

The summons against Chu Tse-shing for unlawfully using the premises as a dwelling house or as a store was adjourned for one week as Chu failed to appear yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding of Joseph Harry Horowitz, Supt., Shell Filling Station, A.P.C. to Winifred Kew of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, has been announced.



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KNIGHT STREET PROPERTY

Ownership Dispute Hearing Opens At Criminal Sessions

Mrs. Pears' Story Of Purchase

A dispute over the ownership of 4 Knight Street, Kowloon, between Mrs. Kathleen Choy Wong alias Choy Kathleen, married woman, (plaintiff), and Mrs. Bertha Kurtz Pears, boarding-house keeper, (defendant), was heard before Sir Henry Blackall, C.J., at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Plaintiff's claim is for a declaration that she is the sole beneficial owner of 4 Knight Street, Kowloon, and that the Defendant has no right or title to, or interest in, the said premises. The Defendant, who claims to be the equitable owner of the premises, said that she purchased same for $20,000 in March 1942.

The plaintiff was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. W. C. Hung of Messrs. Deacons. Mr. C. E. Loseby, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the defendant.

At the commencement of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Leo d'Almada submitted that the onus was on the defendant, in view of what appeared in the pleadings. Sir Henry Blackall concurred.

Mrs. Pears, who was then called, said that she came to Hong Kong about nine years ago with her husband, who was a Store Accountant employed by the War Department. She was, at the present time, separated from her husband.

Evacuated

In 1940, she was evacuated to Manila, together with other British women. Mrs. Pears said that while she was in Manila, she was rather fortunate in a matter of money, in that she won 3,000 Pesos in a Sweepstake. This amount was equivalent to approximately $6,000 Hong Kong Currency. She returned to Hong Kong two months later.

Not Banked

In or about November 1940, Mrs. Pears said that she had about $26,500 Hong Kong Currency and $875 United States currency of her own.

She had a habit of keeping her money locked up in a safe at home instead of banking it. Mrs. Pears said that she lost money in Germany when the Banks refused to make payments on account of inflation. As a result of her experience, she was afraid to bank money. She did, however, have a small banking account with the American Express.

Not Interned

Mrs. Pears said that she first rented 4 Knight Street, Kowloon, in October 1940. She did not know at that time where the landlady lived, but in March 1941, when she had occasion to see the landlady regarding a reduction in rental, she found out that the landlady lived at No. 246 Prince Edward Road.

Mrs. Pears said that when Hong Kong was captured by the Japanese, her husband was interned at Shamshuipo Camp. She was not interned because she was a German.

She said she paid rent up to November 1941. She had never paid any rent since that date.

On or about Feb. 26, 1942, a Chinese gentleman, introducing himself as Mr. Wong, visited her. He said he had been sent by the landlady and enquired if Mrs. Pears would be interested in buying 2 and 4 Knight Street. This Mr. Wong, who claimed to be a relative of the landlady, said that the latter wanted to leave for the interior, because she was the wife of a Chinese General. A sum of $60,000 was asked for the two houses. Mrs. Pears said that she could not afford to buy both houses, but would consider buying the house in which she was living for $15,000.

The man went away, but returned on Mar. 1, and said that the landlady would be prepared to sell 4 Knight Street for $20,000. Mrs. Pears said that her housekeeper, Miss Lucille Rabago, was present at the time.

Trunk Stolen

After Mrs. Pears had intimated that she was willing to purchase, the man produced a receipt for $20,000. This receipt later came into her possession and was placed in a cabin trunk, together with other documents and valuable papers. This cabin trunk was deposited in the garage and later stolen. Mrs. Pears said that she suspected her four servants of having stolen the cabin trunk.

She made a report to the Kowloon Gendarmerie, but no culprits were apprehended. Mrs. Pears said that she had been thinking about this receipt a thousand times since. As far as she could remember, the receipt was worded as follows: "Hong Kong, 1st March. Received full price HK$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the sale of No. 4, Knight Street, from Mrs. Bertha Pears. Choy Kathleen". There was also a Chinese chop affixed to the receipt.

Mrs. Pears said that she had never seen the signature of the landlady before.

Miss Rabago also saw the receipt.

Mrs. Pears said that when she asked Mr. Wong why there were no house documents, he told her that the house documents covered both 2 and 4 Knight Street. He told her that there was nothing to worry about and that everything would be fixed up by a lawyer after the war.

Mrs. Pears said that when she commented upon the signature on the receipt, Mr. Wong told her that the landlady signed all documents in the name of Choy Kathleen. Mrs. Pears said that she then suggested that they see the landlady, to which Mr. Wong agreed.

The Signature

At 246 Prince Edward Road they saw Mrs. Wong, the landlady, who confirmed that the signature on the receipt was hers and that it would be in order for Mrs. Pears to pay to Mr. Wong the purchase price of $20,000.

This amount was subsequently paid to Mr. Wong at 4 Knight Street in $500 notes in the presence of Miss Rabago. After payment had been made, Mr. Wong handed the receipt to Mrs. Pears.

Mrs. Pears said that the loss of the receipt worried her very much, so much so that she went to 246 Prince Edward Road several times to look for Mrs. Wong and Mr. Wong, but she was unable to locate them. She wanted to tell them about the loss of the receipt and to ask for a fresh one.

Mrs. Pears said that she also went to the Land Office to register the transaction in the beginning of August 1942, but registration was refused because she had no papers.

Shortly after her visit to the Land Office, she met Mr. Wong and told him about the loss of the receipt and asked for another one. Mr. Wong said that he could not possibly give any kind of document whatsoever because Mrs. Wong had already left the Colony.

Mrs. Pears said that she later received a letter from the Japanese Land Officer and had an interview with him.

"Not The Same"

The next day, she saw Mr. Wong at the Land Office with the title deeds of 2 and 4 Knight Street. The Japanese Land Officer looked at some documents, which were in his hands, then threw them down on the table angrily and said to Mrs. Pears: "I cannot register. You are a cheat. It is not the same signature."

Mrs. Pears said that subsequent attempts to obtain a fresh receipt from Mr. Wong through two friends, a Mr. Lee and Mr. Yung Ting Chung, proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Wong did not ever deny having given a receipt.

Mrs. Pears said that Mr. Wong asked her to withdraw her claim in respect of 4 Knight Street so that he could collect the rent for 2 Knight Street.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

COLONY'S VITAL STATISTICS

Seventeen deaths (and 50 cases) from cerebro-spinal meningitis, 34 (74 cases) from tuberculosis, nine (20 cases) from malaria, 2 (8 cases, including 1 imported and 1 dumped) from smallpox and one death (one case) from rabies were reported in the Colony for the period March 9-15.

Deaths from infectious diseases totalled 64, with 178 cases, while deaths from all causes totalled 297. During the same period there were 603 births—357 in Hong Kong and 246 in Kowloon.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mrs. Michael Bergher, Miss M. Lomas, Jos. Illiker, E. C. Ned, W. N. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Tan Siong-kee, N. N. Everett, Jack Cantrall, B. Van Zuiden, James N. Lee and R. D. Sharpe.

Peninsula Hotel departures:—M. A. Sloth, C. Ritter, C. M. Fecht, Wm. H. Taylor, G. de Mesa, Joseph Turner, S. L. Hudson, Sr. M. Rabadan, and Major and Mrs. G. M. Watt.

TAIPO CRIME

At No. 7 War Crimes Court today two ex-members of the Taipo Gendarmerie will be tried for the alleged killing of five Chinese civilian residents of Taipo in 1942. The accused are Sgt. Major Ogasawara Haruyuyo and Sgt. Kuwai Hisao. Sgt. Major Ogasawara is also charged with the illtreatment of two further civilians.

The trial will commence at 10 a.m. The President of the court will be Lt. Colonel R. C. Laming.

Heavy Fine On Driver

Convicted on a charge of using private car 1607 for the purposes of public hire on Mar. 18, Wong Wing-hoi, 24, driver, was fined $150 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

S/I A. Brown, prosecuting, said that two European ladies at the Peninsula Hotel asked a "boy" to get a car for them to go to the Ritz Hotel at Austin Road. The "boy" came back with defendant's car.

Suspicious, S/I Brown followed the car and at Austin Road saw money exchanged between the fares and the driver. The amount charged by the accused was $2, which was 100 per cent. above that charged by a taxi.

Price Control Fines In Kowloon

Fines ranging from $20 to $75 were imposed by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on 12 shopkeepers who appeared on summonses issued at the instance of the Price Control Office, S.T.I., for breach of the Price Control Regulations. Another offender, the Chan Pak Cigarette Stall of 371 Nathan Road, was discharged with a caution for selling one packet of "Kool" cigarettes for $1 or 10 cents above the controlled price.

The full list was as follows:—

Florence Chan, of the Evergreen Cafe, 190 Nathan Road, for selling one 10-oz. bottle of fresh milk for 70cts. (50cts.).—$10.

Yin Lap-shan, King Hing Loong, 116 Tai Nam Street, for selling one tin "All-Pure" evaporated milk for $1 (80cts.), and for not having a price tag attached.—$50.

Li Loy, Yin Lik Electrical Co., 57 Cheung Sha Wan Road, for selling one 100-watt electric bulb for $4.80 ($2.20) and for not having a price tag attached.—$75.

Lun Lai-ming, Choi Ying, 3 Cedar Street, for selling one tin of Craven "A" cigarettes for $2.80 ($21).—$20.

Yeung Yee, 394 Portland Street, for the same offence.—$20.

Tu Chak, Cheung Wo, 108 Yu Chow Street, for the same offence and for not having a price-tag attached.—$40.

Chan Tong Kee, 227 Cheung Sha Wan Road, for selling one 60-watt electric bulb for $1.50 ($1.25).—$25.

Chan Cho-chak, Chan Kau-woon Co., 635 Nathan Road, for selling one cake "Protex" soap for 80cts. (50cts.).—$25.

Wong Chi, Kai Cheong, 2 Shantung Street, for selling one packet "Kool" cigarettes for $1 (90cts.).—$25.

Chiu Kai, Tung Nam Electric Co., 501 Shanghai Street, for selling one 100-watt electric bulb for $2.50 ($2.20).—$30.

Ho Cheuk-chuen, Hing Kee, 587 Shanghai Street, for selling one cake "Palmolive" soap for $1.20 (70cts.) and for having no price tag attached.—$25.

Leung Man, Sun Wah, 582 Shanghai Street, for selling one 2-oz. jar of "Bonax" for $1.20 ($1.15).—$25.

Mr. Pitman appeared for the complainants.

BOUND OVER

In a lengthy judgment, Mr. Blair-Kerr found Wong Fat-yiu alias Wong Chi-leung guilty on two counts of carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age and not guilty on the charges of harbouring and indecent assault.

Accused was bound over in the sum of $500 in his own recognisance and one surety, to come up for sentence within six months. The girl was given over to the custody of the SCA.

Raids On Opium Dens

The police have carried out a series of raids on opium divans in an attempt to put a stop to the illegal opium smoking that is carried out in this colony.

The raids were carried out by Mr. Luscombe and Insp. Smith. A total of six opium divan keepers in addition to a number of smokers were charged and sentenced yesterday.

The keepers were:—

Li Luk, 40, widow, who kept a divan at 29, Wing Kat Street (2nd floor). When the police raided the house there were three smokers in the house. Li Luk was fined $800 or three months' hard labour and the smokers fined $20 each or 24 hours in police custody.

Yeung Tak, 40, unemployed keeping a divan at 204, Johnston Road (2nd floor) together with three smokers. He was fined $750 or three months hard labour; each of the smokers was fined $20 or 24 hours in police custody.

Lam Iu, 30, unemployed, keeper of a divan at 192 Hollywood Road, was fined $800 or three months hard labour; no smokers were found on the premises.

Li Chun was fined $500 or two months hard labour for keeping a divan at 255 Hollywood Road; the four smokers found in the divan were discharged as they were not found to be smoking opium when the house was raided.

Chan Ho, 23, Sai Street, was fined $800 or three months hard labour for keeping a divan. Three men found smoking opium in the cockloft were fined $20 or 24 hours in police custody.

Last to appear in court was a well dressed Chinese woman who was found smoking opium and keeping a divan at 26 Wing Sing Street. The woman was Chan Ying, 39, widow. She was making her second appearance in court for keeping a divan and was fined $1,000.

All pipes were confiscated and ordered to be destroyed.

Readers' Letters

Taxation

Sir,—The colony is committed to the policy of direct taxation, for Hong Kong has to move forward economically as well as politically. The principles underlying government taxation here, which prevailed up to 1941, were inherited from 1841. For a hundred years the interests of the favoured few took precedence over those of the masses, and so long as the working classes earned enough no change was considered necessary. The incentive which that policy engenders was the principal urge for development, and Hong Kong attained the degree of economic stability which it enjoys today.

Times have changed, however, and the people of Great Britain have decided that their government is to be Socialist and, as a Crown colony, Hong Kong comes under that form of government. That is logical, and it means that the colony is moving forward. No matter what our personal feelings are in the matter, our directive comes from the majority in the House of Commons, in London. To judge, however, from many of the editorials and letters appearing in the public press here, it would appear as if there are people here who would change the government's mind and hold back the clock.

The issue is bigger than the mere question of whether there shall be income tax or indirect taxation. We must be prepared to accept the proposition that the political doctrine of Great Britain, if not of mankind, is changing, and if at the centre of the Empire it is determined that we should move to the Left rather than keep to the Right, refusal by Hong Kong to accept that can mean only one thing.

For exactly a century, Hong Kong flourished as a centre of capitalistic endeavour, and those who grasped the principles which govern the economic system which permits the strong to build up fortunes regardless of their obligations to their fellow men were able to amass fortunes. Such people would fain continue that way of life. Yet we might very well ask ourselves if, during all the money-making by a few which flourished during the century's existence, they contributed sufficiently and properly to build up a degree of cultural and social service in the colony, and if they gave back to the people of Hong Kong a just proportion of what was made out of the advantages which they received in Hong Kong. That, after all, would be a test of the sufficiency of the system. And what sort of leadership has that system given to the people of Hong Kong? And why must workers strike to get that which is theirs by right — a living wage? And why is distribution complained of? These and other questions pose themselves.

Under the old system, a wealthy man might have evaded a great deal of taxation by not smoking, or drinking, and by living to himself he could escape paying back to the community even a tiny portion of profits made in the enjoyment of his privileges as a rich resident of Hong Kong. The idea of direct taxation is, after all, to make every one contribute to the social services of the colony according to his means.

Admittedly some people, successful money hoarders, might attempt to evade their just contributions in income tax, but two wrongs don't make one right. What right has anyone, furthermore, to assume, that there will be evasions? It is up to the government to devise means to prevent evasion, and to make evasion so difficult, and, yes, unpleasant and expensive, that it will be more profitable for those who might contemplate evasions to pay up. To suggest that government officials will not be capable of circumventing would-be evaders is illogical and in bad taste.

Possibly the government will see to it that the very large incomes will be taxed on a progressively higher scale.

Hong Kong is to be given a municipal form of government as the first step in the democratization of the colony. The new policy in the colony is a departure from the pre-war days of vested interests and will call for a greater degree of cooperation by all sections of the community, with all taking a greater degree of interest in the efforts to make this colony a better place to live in. Let us show ourselves worthy, then, of the trust which is to be reposed in us. Let us not cry down a form of taxation which is the very essence of democracy. Let democracy come to Hong Kong and be received by the community with good grace: not only political democracy, but social as well as economic democracy. And let us admit that we can have no social or economic democracy without taxation of each according to his means.

J. M. B.

Income Tax

Sir,—Great many statements have been published in your paper on the proposed Income Tax. Most of them are against the imposition while they do not offer any practical remedy to meet the deficit budget. The result shall of course be the inflation under which only a few unscrupulous and influential ones shall benefit. China at present gives us the best sample.

The system of Income Tax has been studied as the best system for equalising the wealth in an era between Capitalism and Socialism. In any civilised country the reasons against its imposition—evasion and driving away the rich from the territory — were widely popularised and publicised when it was first introduced. It was particularly so in the United States. Yet Al Capone was convicted not for murder and robbery but for evading the payment of income tax. And since the introduction of such revenue the American wealth has not diminished; reversely it has increased.

England now has a Labour Government whose platform was for years the socialisation of national wealth. Those opposed of the Income Tax in Hong Kong are obviously expecting the Labour Government to follow the Conservative policy.

In view of the fact that the purchasing power of the Hong Kong dollar is eighty percent below its prewar value, it is reasonable that scale for taxation should be accordingly raised. Allowance for dependents may also be increased.

There are other equitable revenues. First, lands bought in the occupation days are subject to scrutiny and confiscation with their buyers properly punished, in many other parts of the liberated or recovered territory. Hongkong, known as the Paradise of Collaborators, has let those lucky ones under the Mikado continue to be the upstarts of the society and boss us as they did in the days when Isogai and Tanaka were supreme. It is not what it ought to be. The Government ought to get many millions to its treasury if such real properties are heavily taxed or even confiscated. It shall be the most equitable income.

Secondly, many public utilities managed as private concerns are making very good and grabbing big profits. They should be either taxed or taken over by the Government.

Thirdly, inheritance tax may be increased. In Hongkong the phase "Second-Generation" irrevocably refers to those good-for-nothing youths who are spoiled by their fathers' monies. Heavy taxation may then even have educational value.

Fourthly, economy of the Government shall negatively contribute to saving great sums of taxpayers' hard-earned payments. Extravagance and corruptive practices should be rigidly avoided.

For those who are against the Income Tax I advise them to investigate into activities of the prewar wealthy persons under the Kempeitai. Go to the Land Office and see who actually bought houses when the Japanese War Memorial was built. Then see how they accumulated their monies. And tell us whether or not their houses should not be heavily taxed if not confiscated. Who paid to the Japanese bank liquidators of the Allied banks for the liquidation of their prewar mortgages? Why should their such properties remain intact and be protected by a Government paid by those who fought for the Allied cause?

GEORGE TENG.

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JURY SERVICE FOR WOMEN

Unanimous Vote At Meeting

More than a hundred women crowded into the small meeting room at the Y.W.C.A. headquarters in the Rutton Building late yesterday afternoon to voice emphatic approval of a resolution conceding women of Hong Kong the right to serve on juries.

The resolution brought a unanimous vote of "yes."

A second resolution, limiting the ages of women jury candidates from 21 to 60 to 25 to 60 was quickly defeated.

Chairman of the meeting, Mrs. T. M. Hazelrigg, outlined the background of the women jurors movement in the colony and read the proposed resolution to be presented to the Colonial Secretary.

Pointing out that women in the colony have heretofore taken a small part in public affairs as compared to those in England and America, Mrs. Hazelrigg said she felt they were now ready and willing —to shoulder more of the civic responsibility with men.

"Women are now ready to help in the hard, tiring and difficult jobs," she declared.

Should the resolution be accepted by the Colonial Secretary it will be "just a beginning" and a "stepping stone to bigger things," she added.

Jury Procedure

Asked by the committee to give the audience a brief background in jury procedure, the Hon. Mr. T. M. Hazelrigg, government adviser, told the group he was "a supporter but not an instigator" of their cause.

Juries, Mr. Hazelrigg pointed out, traced their origin to antiquity, with records of their existence in Greek and early English history.

Under the present constitution, he explains, all men in Hong Kong of 21 to 60 years of age, of sound mind, reasonable knowledge of the English language and no incapacitating illnesses are eligible to serve on juries. Their job is to pass a verdict of guilty or not guilty according to the evidence presented.

"However," he added smiling, "There is no scope within the jury system for women's intuition."

"I feel the jury system is one of the greatest safeguards to British liberty," the official concluded.

The meeting was closed after a brief discussion and a list of names taken of those present.

The resolution will be submitted to the Colonial Secretary shortly.

R.A.F. SKY PILOT-IN-CHIEF IN HONG KONG

The Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, Air Vice Marshal the Reverend J. A. Jagoe, C.B.E., K.H.C., D.D., arrived at Kaitak by R.A.F. scheduled aircraft yesterday afternoon, accompanied by the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, Air Command, Far East, Group Captain the Rev. Leslie Wright, and Dr. Jagoe's staff chaplain, Squadron Leader the Rev. John Dagger.

The two-month tour of India and the Far East on which the Chaplain-in-Chief is at present engaged is a continuation of his programme to visit the personnel and confer with the chaplains of R.A.F. establishments overseas. Last year, Dr. Jagoe visited the British Air Forces of Occupation in Germany and the R.A.F. in the Middle East and Southern Rhodesia.

On Saturday morning, the Chaplain-in-Chief will call on the Bishop and Dean of Hong Kong, and, at 11 o'clock, meet civilian and service padres in the Gloucester Hotel. The morning services at St. Michael's Church, R.A.F. Station, Kaitak, will be conducted by Dr. Jagoe, who will also officiate at evensong in St. John's Cathedral. A dinner in his honour will be given by the Governor on Tuesday.

The Chaplain-in-Chief will depart for Japan on Wednesday, returning to Hong Kong a week later before proceeding to Singapore.

Probates Granted

Probate in respect of the Estate of the late Francisco Maria Paulo de Graca, Mercantile Assistant, who died at 14, Ashley Road, Kowloon, on Aug. 28, 1946, has been granted to Herenia Maria de Graca and Maria Jose C. de Graca. The estate was sworn at $46,400.

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An application by Mr. J. Duke Morrison, Accountant, for sealing of a certified copy of the Probate of the Will of the late John Reginald Creig, former Marine Engineer, who died in Essex, England, on Feb. 12, 1946, leaving estate to the value of $12,800 in Hong Kong, has been granted.

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Permission has been granted for the sealing of the Probate of the Will of Squadron-Leader Mark Hastings, formerly of the R.A.F. who died on war service on June 29, 1940. The deceased left estate to the value of $6,600 in Hong Kong.

OVERLOADED

Pleading guilty to overloading lorry No. 6015 with two tons and 10 cwts in excess in Connaught Road, Central, on Tuesday, Tong Cheung, 33, driver, was fined $100 by Mr Sainsbury at Central yesterday. The lorry was carrying 100 bags of cement for the Hong Kong Tramway Company. A representative of the H.K. Tramway Co. was in Court and said the company would pay the fine.

Money Market

Another listless day passed in the money market yesterday with little fluctuation in rates.

Gold started off with buyers at $273.50 a tael and closed at $271.

Piastres opened at $10.80 per 100 and climbed to $11.22, closing at $11.11.

Chinese National Currency opened at 37⅝ cents for futures and 45½ cents for spot (for CN$1,000). The former rose to 38¼ cents, but the latter remained unchanged throughout the day.

U.S. dollars eased off again to $4.81. Sterling was better at $14.38 buyers: while Australian pounds were again unchanged at $12.52.

Moscow Stalemate?

Moscow, Mar. 19.

Top American officials predicted today that unless the Council of Foreign Ministers finds and agrees upon some over-all solution for Germany's current problems there will be no solution at all.

These informants said the Council meetings had reached a point at which it was apparent that great difficulties would be encountered in getting to such a solution and added that the situation in Germany now is so badly split up that settlements seemed impossible.

Those who sat through the first eight sessions of the Council said the earlier easy relationships seemed to be souring now, especially between Marshall and Bevin on the one hand and Molotov on the other. —Associated Press.

NEW SET-UP IN BURMA

Rangoon, Mar. 19.

A separate department of foreign affairs has been established at the Burma Government Secretariat, it was officially announced here tonight.

The department of defence and external affairs is now designated as Department of Defence.

The newly established department of foreign affairs, the announcement said, would deal with treaties, agreements, boundary problems, diplomatic and consular service, UNO and other aspects of Burma's foreign relations.—Reuter.

Raid On Soap Factory

As the result of a raid conducted by a party of Revenue officers, led by R/O Millington, on 53 Parkes Street, first floor, on Mar. 16, Wong Mun, 32, soap maker, appeared before Mr. Latimer yesterday charged with manufacturing 127 cakes and 260 bars of toilet soap without a licence from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports; selling two cakes of toilet soap without a licence; and possession of 520 cakes of dutiable soap.

During the raid said R/O Millington, wrappers bearing the name of "G. Mowling & Son, Pty., Ltd.," of Sydney and Melbourne, were found on the premises. The Chamber of Commerce has been communicated with with a view of contacting the agents for the Australian firm.

It was most unfortunate for accused that the word "bath" should have been included in his own labels, as that word brought the soap within the meaning of "toilet preparations."

Stating that it was his opinion that defendant had no criminal intention but had simply tried to avail himself of the present shortage of toilet soap to make some money, His Wership decided to take a lenient view.

Advising accused to apply for a permit which, according to R/O Millington should not be hard to obtain, Mr. Latimer imposed a fine of $100 on the first count and $50 on the second. The soap seized was ordered to be confiscated to the I. & E. Department.

New Belgian Cabinet

Brussels, Mar. 19.

The Socialist, Paul Henri Spaak, announced today that he has formed a new bi-partite Cabinet with Catholics in which he will serve as Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Other members of the Cabinet are: Gaston Eyskens (Finance), Raoul de Fraiteur (Defence), ex-Premier Achille van Acker (Communications). — United Press.

Riot Squad Member Accused

"It makes no difference to me whether you are an American citizen or not. You are accused of having committed an offence in this Colony and will have to be tried according to the laws of this Colony," declared Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Luis Garcia Mercado, 28, a Filipino member of the Hnog Kong Emergency Unit, requested to be remanded in the custody of the U.S. Consul-General, instead of in Police custody.

His Worship had decided not to hear the case summarily, as requested by the prosecution, but to take it for Committal on Monday afternoon.

Mercado, together with Wan Sui-mui, 21, married woman (said to be his wife), and Antonio Morales, 22, unemployed Portuguese, were charged with having demanded with menaces the sum of $100 from Chan Kan-chuen and his daughter Chan Wai-man at 27 Woosung Street, second floor, on March 6. First accused was additionally charged with the larceny of an opium pipe and attempting to obtain a bribe of $100 from the same complainants on the same date and at the same address.

Mr. Latimer said that, in the interests of justice, the case should be tried by a Jury as the first defendant was a public servant and the charge involved that of attempting to obtain a bribe. His Worship went on to declare that he was of the opinion that the complicated nature of the case demanded that it be heard by a Judge and Jury and not by himself sitting as both.

On hearing the Magistrate's decision, first accused asked whether, failing to raise the bail of $5,000 fixed by His Worship, he could be handed over to the custody of the U.S. Consulate-General as he is an American citizen.

When this was refused, Mercado asked if facilities would be given him to raise the sum, to which His Worship replied:—

"Certainly. I am sure the Police will render you every assistance in this respect."

Bail for Morales was also fixed at $5,000, while Wan Sui-mui was allowed bail of $100 cash.

Burmese Virago On Horseback

Rangoon, Mar. 18.

Operating in the arid heat of the Burmese jungles against cunning and well-armed bandit gangs, British, Indian and Burmese troops of the Burma Command are waging a campaign smaller but much more hazardous than the war against Japan, according to reports received here from the "Flush Force" in central Burma.

It is a campaign in which the "enemy", shy of stand-up battles, has to be flushed out like game, but the anti-bandit operations have already made some satisfactory progress during the last two weeks.

Meeting the enemy's savagery with well-disciplined force, the troops are forging ahead with the task of restoring law and order in the terror-stricken areas of central Burma.

A military observer, who has just returned here from the "Flush Force" headquarters today confirmed reports that a virago on horseback, said to be the paramour of numerous Dacoit leaders in central Burma, is playing a major role in the bandit terrorism throughout the countryside.

White Pony

A pretty young woman, he said, had been moving about on a white pony, directing "enemy operations" during a pitched battle between a company of the Rajputana Rifles and some two hundred members of a notorious Dacoit gang south of Pyinmana town last week-end.

Storming the village under heavy fire, the Rajputs killed nine and captured eleven bandits. The rest of the gang, including the virago on horseback, he said, fled, taking with them nine cartloads of wounded.

The Rajput casualties were two killed and three wounded.—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TERRITORIES

The public are invited to send to the Chairman of the New Territories Development Sub-Committee, Room 120, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, in writing on foolscap paper as soon as possible details of any schemes or suggestions they may have for the development of the New Territories.

Sugita Harukichi, a Japanese, formerly a soldier and Ho Yung, unemployed, were this morning found guilty of robbery of $4 at Third Street on February 8 and sentenced to five years hard labour and 10 strokes by the Puisne Judge Mr Williams at the Criminal sessions yesterday.

The Mercantile Bank of India has been advised telegraphically by its London Office, that a second interim dividend of 4% less tax has been declared and that no further dividend will be paid for the year 1946.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership previously existing between Felix Maurice Ellis and Aubrey Jacob Edgar who carried on business under the style of Ellis & Edgar as stock and sharebrokers has been dissolved by mutual consent.

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Detailed specification of work required to be done may be obtained by application to the Superintending Engineer, Government Slipway, Yaumati.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a receipt that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of Dollars Five Hundred ($500.00) as a pledge of the bona fides of their tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. The deposit shall be returned to any tenderer whose tender is not accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of each tender.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1947.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited from Chinese ladies for three months training as medico-social workers preparatory to appointment in the near future as Assistant Almoners in the Medical Department. There will be six vacancies.

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Applications in English, with copies of three testimonials, should be sent to the Almoner, Medical Department, Hong Kong Bank Building, not later than Saturday, 29th March, 1947.

Sd. P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, 13th March, 1947.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 20th day of March 1947 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1945 to 31st December 1946, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 20th day of March to 29th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1947.

NOTICE

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For the purpose of checking the Company's register of members, holders of shares are requested to send to the registered Office of the Company at Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong the following particulars:

1. Full name and address of the registered shareholder
2. Number of shares
3. Scrip Numbers
4. Distinguishing numbers of shares

Holders are also requested to produce to the Company for examination and endorsement if in order the certificates for all the shares that they hold.

Dated at Hong Kong this 18th day of March 1947.

J. D. THOMSON,
Secretary.

NOTICE

At the suggestion of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council a dinner has been arranged in order to afford the Community of Hong Kong an opportunity to pay a tribute to His Excellency the Governor Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G. in view of his pending departure from the Colony.

The dinner will be held in the early part of May. The exact date and place will be announced later.

Any member of the community who desires to attend should apply to any one of the following:—

The Hon. Mr. A. Morse, Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Prince Bldg.

Mr. D. Ruttonjee, Duddell Street.

NOTICE

The public are invited to send me at Room 120, Peninsula Hotel, in writing on foolscap paper as soon as possible details of any schemes or suggestions they may have for the development of the New Territories.

J. BARROW,
Chairman,

N.T. Development Sub-Committee
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Hong Kong, 19th March, 1947.

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SERVICES PROTEST

The decision to withdraw the privilege by which the Services have been able to obtain duty-free wines and spirits since the Re-Occupation, through the NAAFI, has naturally caused as much adverse comment among those directly affected as the threat of Income Tax has among the civilian community of Hong Kong. Apart from this one point of common ground, the capacity to stir up a spirit of resistance, there is, of course, no parallel to be discovered. The strength of the income tax protest rests very largely upon the fact of its creation of discriminatory taxation, and this is virtually acknowledged in the official estimate of revenue from this source, a mere $16,000,000, which can only mean that the Government candidly admits and consents to the limitations on its ability to collect. The decision to tax all liquors landed in the Colony, whether consigned to the NAAFI or to commercial interests, amounts, on the other hand, to the removal of discrimination in taxation. It would be too much to expect the Services to rejoice in this development. The most that can be asked is that they examine the situation calmly one day from the angle that they are not, in fact, being imposed upon, but that, in everyday language, Government has caught up with them at last. Neither in Britain nor in any other part of the Empire (unless perhaps it is in a place like Palestine, where the troops are still, for all practical purposes, under Active Service conditions) do the Services obtain their drinks duty-free. No such thing was known in Hong Kong prior to the war, and the concession arose afterwards only, the evidence suggests, because of the setting-up of a Military Administration. When civil government was restored, the question of terminating the arrangement was immediately raised, as was natural in the circumstances, but decision was postponed and it is only now, or rather on April 1, the commencement of the Colony's new financial year, that the abrogation of the privilege is to come into effect. If as suggested in some of the correspondence, the purpose was to permit the sacrifice of the Income Tax legislation, the Serviceman would have a legitimate grouse. But certainly there is no reason to predict any intention by the Government to abandon its position on direct taxation. If Government has its way, we are all to suffer together, and may commiserate together.

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TILL NEXT TIME

"Beaten but not disgraced" was the fairest comment upon the English team at the conclusion of the Test matches in Australia. There was no doubt about the beating. More than any possible turn of luck was reflected in the results and the course of the series and, if luck were all, "Test" would be a misnomer. The Australians displayed a superiority in every department of the game and though an Englishman may be pardoned for hoping that this superiority may be temporary, it would be unpardonable not to acknowledge it. This series was notable for more than its result. If report speaks truly, they are the last in which two exceptional cricketers will take part. Bradman is to be congratulated on closing a sparkling Test Match career with such substantial victories. We condole with our own plain Hammond upon not having been able to close a not unequal career with a better crown than that of gallant defeat. Both will probably share a wish common to all true sportsmen, that both could have won. For though it is true that while the game is on many, actually or vicariously, experience agonies of emotion comparable to those described by Thucydides in his account of the Battle of Syracuse, so that traces of acidity may be found in the brew of good fellowship, yet, when the game is over, exaggerations die away and there is full recognition that it has been hard and fairly fought. What survives is in the losers a shine and in the victors a readiness to go to it again.

SO YOU WANT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET?

By "WELL-WISHER"

1. Cut out catering to all the deadheads from the interior of China. They walk in here on their own two feet, place them gently at the Border and let them walk out the same way. Their own Government never encouraged them to sit on their bottoms in idleness, they made them work and that is why they are here for a handout.

2. Forget these Socialistic experiments and Government Control....Government Officials are not business men, and only obstruct those who can do something....if they were business men, they would be out working for themselves.

This City is not big or important enough for any experiments....the flood of indigents from war torn China would soon bring grandiose schemes to naught.

If this means resurrecting the Immigration Office, O. K., but, make it Revenue Producing!

3. There is a moan from everybody about insufficient houses. Are people encouraged to build? What obstructions are put in their way? What offers of ground are given those willing to sink their capital in fresh buildings which would bring in revenue from sales....revenue from taxes, and which would tend to alleviate that shortage....Instead of having a fixed idea that it Cannot Be Done....why not educate our minds to the idea that it Can Be Done....it needs but a slight reorientation of ideas. The Yanks did it during the war, why not us?

4. Philatelists are interested in our stamps. Why haven't they been catered for? Who is responsible for the shortsightedness? Why cannot we put a new series on the market? Recollect the Jubilee issue....the Centenary issue....the Victory issue?

What about a Reoccupation issue and a new Victory issue when Peace is signed? This time, do not put up the SOLD OUT sign, give the stamp collectors as many as they require, with facilities for buying....don't discourage them by our present archaic methods. What was good enough for our grandfathers surely is not good enough for— the present day.

Why?

5. There have been many acrimonious letters to the press about Z.B.W. Why? Nearly every set has a short wave and one can easily listen in to better programmes from abroad. These programmes are run by Commercial enterprise in which those in charge have to keep on their tip toes. Why not hand this service over to Commerce? It will pay and will not cost the Government a cent....or am I treading upon someone's corns?

6. Government Lotteries.... Now then Parsons, don't start sermonising, we are living in a precarious present and not an ambiguous hereafter. The Churches in Australia started to scream when the New South Wales Government first proposed the idea of a State Lottery, but their screams faded to silence when that Government politely informed them that the idea would be dropped if they, the Churches would furnish the sum that they would otherwise collect.

We are deeply in the Red and cannot afford to be smug and sanctimonious. The Jockey Club Sweep ran into high figures and was popular. If they are permitted to do it regularly, why doesn't Government enter that field.. or am I treading on corns again?

Lottery

We can use their drums and have a monthly, or weekly Lottery. This properly run, should bring in that amount which Government hope to get in by Income Tax, and which would be painless extraction....at present, there is a howl raised against discrimination. The Chinese have more ways of skinning a cat than ever the Foriegner could hope to think of, and I cannot imagine that they will pay out a cent more than they can help.

The rake-off would be a lot of money in any language, so, why not jump in with both feet? Catholic Irish run a huge sweep for the benefit of the Hospitals, but the Irish Government takes its whack first.

I can imagine the howl that this will cause, but personally, I prefer to be solvent even though my coat be a little threadbare.

I would like to point out, as already intimated, that this would cut out the imposition of Income Tax and its additional staff, when you would have the Colony wholeheartedly supporting it....I am not going to indulge in daydreams of what might come in from outside, but, the Calcutta Sweep was catering to the whole World! And, so does the Irish Sweep and many other State run Sweeps.

Quaint Customs

7. Have we explored the commercial possibilities of our quaint customs? The Japs ballyhoo'd their Cherry Blossoms....their Army debunked such tender sentiments.

What about our spectacular Dragon Boat Races? Why not do a little more ballyhoo for Tourists? They haven't been debunked yet.

What more sentimental and cloying than the Moon Festival? Encourage those who enthuse in those things, to stage processions as they did during the Centenary ....Attract Tourists! This is not a palliative, it is long term policy, a paying one to our local shopkeepers who would be only willing to contribute.

8. Treading on more corns!.... The Yanks wiped up Al Capone and other Big Shots who hadn't paid income tax on illegal enterprises. Couldn't there be a levy on the possessions of some of our local Collaborators? The Chinese have done it, why not we?

After all, their illgotten gains were derived from the very people in this Colony, through their connections with the Japs. The Japs will pay reparations, maybe so why not make their friends cough up the same way.

Just advertise that those sending in the information will receive a percentage, and then, if the suspect prove from what source his money and property was obtained.

There were no scruples in recognising $100 notes signed under duress, there should be none in soaking those who dealt with and comforted the enemy. Those who can ride around in opulant cars and live in spacious houses, while you and I fight for standing room on a tram and have to double up in rooms for want of better quarters.

Dachau View Of Nazism's Last Hours

"The best thing for Germany today would be British dominion status," said Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, financial wizard of the Third Reich, after his fall from grace and imprisonment in Dachau.

This startling statement is recorded in a book written by Schacht's fellow-prisoner, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the last pro-Hitler Chancellor of Austria.

Schuschnigg wrote his book, "Austrian Requiem, partly in defence of his own policy during the four years preceding the Anschluss and partly to preserve an historic picture of the darkest period of modern history—seen from inside a Nazi prison.

Irrespective of one's own views concerning the wisdom of Dr Schuschnigg's attitude during the four desperate years during which he led little, disunited Austria's resistance against the Nazi giant —the unfortunate ex-Chancellor's personal integrity and courage commands respect. It also enhances the value of his book.

The book is divided into three parts. The first one is a first-hand report on the events leading up to the dramatic interview between Hitler and Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden and the Anschluss. The second part contains chiefly Dr. Schuschnigg's political credo and the interpretation of his dealings of the various European Governments during those fateful days.

Both the first and second parts contain well-known material, discussed previously by Schuschnigg as well as by other qualified observers, and bring all additional information.

Third Part

The third part, however—entitled "Hitler's Prisoner"—sheds some new light on historic events and personalities reflected in the diary written under the constant threat of death.

Making the rounds of Hitler's concentration camps, Dr. Schuschnigg saw and talked to many of the most prominent captives of Hitler.

Particularly, during the last months of the swastika Reich when the most important prisoners were transferred from one prison to another as personal hostages of the hounded Fuhrer, the former Chancellor of Austria "enjoyed" many strange "diplomatic" encounters.

For instance, on April 17, 1945, Dr. Schuschnigg writes in his diary: "M. Blum (Leon Blum, now again head of the French Government) and I was discussing old times today and we remembered that we had met once before.

"It was ten years ago when I went to Paris on an official state visit, and neither of us had thought then that we would get to know each other in 1945, in the concentration camp of Dachau! A talk with him, an exchange of ideas always gives me new strength, new hope. . . . I must say that I am obliged to the Gestapo for having made possible my acquaintance with Leon Blum, in whom I have met a great European—and even more important to me—a fine and noble character."

Flossenburg

Or previously, on February 9, 1945, in the concentration camp, Flossenburg. "Outside our heavily barred window—about three hundred feet from us, a slow, tired procession of forms, in blue and white stripes, barely resembling human beings, apathetically push carts before them. The guards march up and down supervising their work.

"On each cart there is a human body. . . . On their return journey, prisoners pushed the same carts, this time loaded with wood. The macabre procession goes on for hours; corpese one way—wood another. . . .

In the midst of these terrible surroundings, Schuschnigg meets some of Europe's elite.

Although "we are not supposed to know that there are other prisoners with us in this camp," he slowly notices them and gets acquainted. On April 1, 1945, he makes the following entry in his diary:

"Alongside with Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, General Hukler (former Chief of Staff of German Army), General Thomas, Admiral Canaris (hanged soon afterwards) and other members of the German General Staff.

"The brothel of our camp opposite our windows, was suddenly evacuated. The building now houses Prince Albrecht of Bavaria and his many children. The reason for his arrest was merely that he was the son of Crown Prince Rupprecht."

Out Spoken

Schuschnigg says that the German generals in Dachau were most outspoken in their hatred of Hitler and his Nazis. Too late! He praises Dr. Schacht as "one of the most intelligent Germans I have known," and relates an exceedingly interesting conversation he had with him.

When Schacht denounced Hitler as an habitual liar, Schuschnigg asked him, "Why did you not draw those conclusions earlier and leave Hitler?"

Dr. Schacht answered, "That is very simple. I had reason to believe that I could win Hitler over to my ideas. I tried everything to interest Hitler in the question of the colonies. I believed that the return of our former colonies would have been extremely advantageous for our economy and I also believed that it was not an impossibility to get them.

"Furthermore, I thought that the plan with the colonies would be a safety valve to relieve the pressure behind Hitler's war plans. In 1926 Hitler authorised me to go to Paris and London to discuss the return of the German colonies.

"After long and difficult conversations I succeeded—at least in so far as that Paris declared they would agree to it in principle, and that London did not consider it an impossibility.

"But when I returned to Germany and informed Hitler of the result of my trip, he declared that he was no longer interested in colonies."

Blum Confirms

Dr. Schuschnigg adds: "Later M. Blum confirmed every detail of Schacht's story about his trip to Paris and his demand concerning the restitution of the colonies."

The former Austrian Chancellor, ex-ally of Mussolini, emphasises in his book that "Mussolini was unlike Hitler" and finds words of praise for the late Duce's "intimate and detailed knowledge of every problem and even every individual we discussed."

"But on July 25, 1943, he notes in his diary: "Mussolini resigned! It is as if history could not forgo its irony, since Mussolini's downfall comes exactly nine years—to the day—after Dollfuss' (Schuschnigg's predecessor as Chancellor of Austria) assassination.

"Everything would have been different if Mussolini had not changed his course in 1937. Had he adhered to the pact of Stresa, had he co-operated with the Western Powers to maintain the status quo in Central Europe and in the Mediterranean, then there would still be an Austria today, no world war, and no Italy on the brink of collapse!

"But American Schuschnigg finds nothing but praise.

CARNIVAL ..... By Dick Turner

"Any o' youse want anyt'ing from de bank?"

Curdling Atom Bomb Warning

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

A hypothetical atomic bomb that could endanger the entire United States by its radio active cloud blanketing the nation has been described by Edward Teller, noted atomic scientist, in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists of Chicago.

But in an editorial, the Bulletin does not give any details. It points out that the destruction of ten square miles would not require a bomb unreasonably greater than the Nagasaki bomb that followed Hiroshima by three days and was officially reported to be possibly twice as powerful.

The radioactive clouds from Hiroshima and Nagasaki were virtually harmless, because they rose to immense heights and dispersed. The editorial does not say how it is proposed to keep one of these clouds close enough to the ground to do great harm to life. It refers the reader to Teller's article.

But Teller does not discuss the radioactive cloud from as small a bomb as the editorial specifies. He projects a bomb that is one-hundred-thousand to a million times more powerful than present atomic bombs.

The radioactive clouds from these he says would be so much greater that they could spread over the United States and endanger all life, if exploded somewhere west in the Pacific so that prevailing winds could carry the cloud across the country.

Still Dangerous

This greater cloud would disperse in the same way as the Japanese and Bikini bomb clouds. But it would still be dangerous. It would drift across the United States the same as scientific studies indicated that the Bikini cloud did last summer about one week after the air bomb was exploded over the target-fleet. That cloud was by then completely harmless he says.

Teller predicts without details that new kinds of bombs or other methods of destruction will come as no less of a surprise than did the blinding flash over Hiroshima.

He says that United States, by dispersion and counter measures, might fight and win an atomic war, and that a few thousand Hiroshima type bombs might kill only one per cent of Americans. But he adds that would be warfare with present type atomic bombs and says it is unsound to limit our attention to present types because he thinks bombs a thousand times more powerful are easily possible.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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FONDLING A BUZZ SAW

Attempting retaliation against an inveterate psychic bidder, by using his own tactics against him, is a highly dangerous procedure. It is like fondling a buzz saw when you don't understand the consarn thing. Ordinarily your safest protection is to be extra reliable in your own bids unless you, too, are experienced in monkeying with psychics.

	S 6 3 H 10 7 4 D J 10 9 5 4 2 C 5 2	
S 8 4 H 9 6 D K 7 3 C A J 10 8 7 4	N W E S	S K Q 10 9 H A K Q 8 D A C Q 9
	S A J 7 2 H J 5 2 D Q 8 6 C K 6 3	

Dealer: North. (Neither side vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
Pass	2S	2NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl		

The Spade 8 was led and the Q played. Expecting another spade, South played low. The defense then switched and ran all the rest of the tricks, for a score of 2,600 points.

South's venturesome 2-No Trumps was based on doubt about the twice bid suit East, who had been preventing a lot of post mortem by his opponents by doubling them with psychic bids. But this one time East really had "the goods."

West was doubtful about his partner's call at first, so passed the 2-No Trumps to see what East would do next. After the double he got confidence, so passed in order to punish South. Maybe the latter would have had a better chance to get out of his trouble if he had now bid 3-Clubs, but he felt that his partner would read the situation and rescue him. North could have saved a lot of points by bidding 3-Diamonds. His pass, he explained, was because he was befuddled and had no idea who was psyching.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S Q 6 2 H K J 7 5 3 2 D None C 8 7 5 4	
S J 9 8 4 H 10 9 8 D A J C Q J 9 6	N W E S	S A K 10 3 H A Q 4 D Q 5 C A 10 3 2
	S 7 5 H 6 D K 10 9 8 7 6 4 3 2 C K	

Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.

West opens a psychic 1-No Trump, East Blackwoods 4-No Trumps, South produces a Grille and the Americans East-West [illegible]

Bike-Riding Ambassador To Britain

London, Mar. 18.

The British bicycle industry hopes that Mr. Lewis Douglas will become the first bike-riding Ambassador at the Court of St James.

The Cycle-Makers' Association president, Mr. George Wilson, today informed the new American envoy that British manufacturers wanted to ballot for the honour of giving him a new bicycle.

"The Ambassador is a keen cyclist, but he didn't bring his bicycle with him, so we would like to give him a new one," Wilson said.

Pressure of official business prevented Mr. Douglas from replying immediately.—United Press.

Vatican City, Mar. 18.

Pope Pius today named Cardinal Luigi Lavitrano protector of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, and the Brothers of the Order of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The mother houses of both orders are in Mexico.—United Press.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

SATURDAY, 22nd March 1947

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (8 Races—$16) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep ($2.00) on the last race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advanced from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANT'S PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By ORDER
C. B. BROWN,
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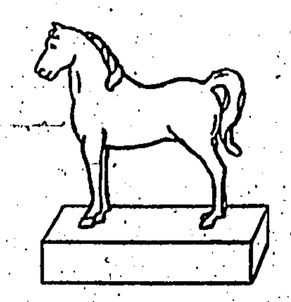

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CRITICISM OF M. MOLOTOV
Russia's Bid For Reparations Rejected

Prince Now A Mountbatten

London, Mar. 18.

Tonight's official London Gazette announces that Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, has been granted British naturalisation under the name of Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

The announcement, one of 817, reads: "Mountbatten, Philip, Greece serving officer in His Majesty's forces, 16 Chester Street, London, S.W.1, 28 February 1947."

The date shown is that on which the oath of allegiance was taken.

The form of the London Gazette notice indicates that the normal procedure has been followed by which the foreigner on being granted British naturalisation abandons any title he may have.

The Greek Royal Family which started with King George I of the Hellenes, who was a Prince of Denmark, has no surname. The Danish Royal Family is one of those very ancient ruling families which have none. Thus there is no surname on the father's side which the Prince can take on becoming a commoner and he has therefore taken the surname of his mother's family and will in future be known as Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R. N.

For several months now the name of Prince Philip has been linked with that of Princess Elizabeth, 20-years old heir to the British throne.

The latest report associating Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip was that he was a member of the staff of the British battleship Vanguard, which took the Royal Family to South Africa last month.

In fact, Prince Philip, who served almost throughout the war with the British Navy, was at the time an instructor at the Naval Gunnery School in the heart of England.—Reuter.

Coolness Develops At Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 19.

U.S. Secretary of State Marshall has coldly rejected Russia's bid for U.S.$10,000,000,000 reparations from Germany. He rebuked the Soviet for charges that included a declaration that U.S.$10,000,000,000 in reparations had been removed from the western zones.

Mr. Bevin joined Mr. Marshall in sharply critising Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov at the sessions of the Foreign Ministers' Council and said flatly that the Russian Foreign Minister's declarations "are not true."

In outlining the United States position on reparations, Mr. Marshall said: 'We will not follow the retreat of Mr. Molotov from Berlin (Potsdam) to Yalta".

Mr. Marshall was referring to Mr. Molotov's claim on Monday that the United States had agreed at Yalta to U.S.$10,000,000,000 for Russia.

No reparation figures were included in the subsequent Potsdam agreement. The charge that U.S.$10,000,000 in reparations had been removed from the western zones has been made by the Soviet Press before and repeatedly denied by the British and Americans.

There was noticeable cooling off in the atmosphere surrounding the Council on Tuesday.

Coolness among the Big Four representatives developed after French Foreign Minister Bidault made a statement about France's position on economic unity.

France's Demand

Bidault, renewing France's demand for separation of the Ruhr, Rhineland and the Saar from Germany, told the Council that Allied controls must be retained over Germany long after the peace settlement is concluded and the present occupation ends.

Molotov declared that the United States and Britain had taken all the gold and German assets in the west as well as patents and scientific information as reparations.

He also charged that France, Britain and the United States had taken reparations from the current production in the form of lumber and coal and that all these, "according to newspaper reports," amounted to over U.S. $10,000,000,000.

Bevin replied immediately that he had "read these charges in the Soviet press and had a good laugh over them."

"Not True"

Bevin added that while he agreed with Marshall that recriminations should be avoided he had to answer Molotov's charges, because "they are not true."

He said it was true that scientific information had been compiled but it had been placed in a book which was available to every one, including the Soviet Union.

Marshall then took up the fight and added that the information had been placed in pamphlets "of which the Soviet Union had received the largest number."

As to the gold, Marshall said the United States had never claimed ownership of it and that it was being held for distribution by the Allied reparations agency in Brussels. Furthermore, he said, Hungary's gold already had been returned.—Associated Press.

WAR DEBT

Cairo, Mar. 18.

British proposals to scale down the sterling debt owed to Egypt have been rejected by the Egyptian Government, the Egyptian Finance Minister told the Senate tonight.

The Minister stated that no agreement had been reached between the two Governments during the preliminary talks. The British delegation, he said, had proposed to 'scale' down the sterling balances—estimated at more than £450,000,000—on the assumption that it was a debt between two partners in the same war.—Reuter.

WILLIAM C. DURANT DEAD

New York, Mar. 18.

Mr William C. Durant, organiser of General Motors—giant American motorcar manufacturing organisation—died today at the age of 89.

Mr Durant twice held and twice lost control of the firm. He was a daring plunger in investments, an excellent judge of the motorcar industry and knew the trade from its earliest transition from wagon manufacturing.—Reuter.

"Black Panther" Is Defiant

Rome, Mar. 18.

A crowd of black-veiled mothers, widows and sisters of Jews betrayed to Nazis were cleared from Court today when the beautiful Jewess, Celeste di Porto, the "Black Panther," accused of acting as an SS informer for love and money, defiantly recounted her career.

The "Black Panther" impassively faced the mourning relatives, then turned to the Judge and told him of her career as a prostitute until her arrest in Naples as an SS decoy and informer for the Nazi anti-Semitic programme in Rome.

Black-veiled women shouted threatening words at her as she cynically referred to charges that she betrayed her fellow Jews and said, "We Jews all know each other more or less well."

Di Porto said she followed the "easier way to making a living" until arrested by the SS in June, 1944. When freed, she said, she left for Naples "because there was lively agitation against me in my Jewish neighbourhood."

"I Am Innocent"

Turning to her co-defendant and former lover, Vincenzo Antonelli, she said, "I am innocent of all charges brought against me. They are based on the fact that I was often seen with Antonelli, who belonged to the Italian SS squad. I flatly deny that I ever caused the arrest of any Jews. On the contrary, I can say that I have often intervened on behalf of my fellow Jews."

Antonelli said he met the "Black Panther" when he raided a gambling place in her apartment house. He said he lived with her for two months and when she was arrested by the SS he procured her release by stating she was a member of the Fascist Party.—United Press.

Life To Be Easier Now For P.O.Ws.

London, Mar. 18.

Further relaxations of restrictions on prisoners of war were announced in Parliament today by the War Minister, Mr. John Bellenger.

In future, prisoners will be allowed to enter private houses on invitation without first having to obtain their Commandant's approval, subject to Commandants having the right to put the particular house or district out of bounds.

They will be allowed to attend football and other games in organised parties at the invitation of the management or local authority, but will not be allowed to compete with the public in queues for limited accommodation at these matches.

Prisoner of war bands will be allowed to entertain their friends in return for hospitality where it is possible for a hut or hall outside camp to be used. Payment for admission will not be permitted and incidental costs must be paid for by prisoner-of-war hosts.

Patches on prisoners' clothing and distinctive lettering will gradually disappear as chocolate-dyed battledresses become available for them.

General Officers Commanding Home Commands will be given authority to extend the five-mile radius limit hitherto imposed on prisoners leaving their camps.—Reuter.

A KING FOR SPAIN?

Madrid, Mar. 18.

Well-informed circles friendly to the present regime in Spain report a sub-committee composed of four ministers has drafted for consideration by the Spanish Cabinet a proposal that Spain shall be declared a Monarchist state under a Council of the Realm.

This would be presided over by General Franco and would be the first move towards the restoration of monarchy. This draft proposal apparently suggests that General Franco as the head of the council of the realm would remain provisionally the head of the state.—Reuter.

No Exception In The Case Of Canada

Moscow, Mar. 19.

The Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers agreed to set up four committees to aid in the drafting of the preliminary peace treaty for Germany.

Russia blocked participation by the smaller nations in the drafting of the German settlement despite United States and British insistence they should be included.

U. S. Deputy Murphy and Soviet Deputy Vishinsky clashed repeatedly over small nation participation. Citing Canada as an illustration, Mr. Murphy said the question was not one of "favours" but of the "rights" of the nations in question.

Murphy said Canada entered the war before the Soviet Union and the United States and made a substantial contribution toward the defeat of Germany.

Vishinsky replied that he did not question that Canada had played a considerable role in the war but special exceptions could not be made. In support of his argument that the Big Four only should be on the treaty drafting committees, he declared: "More blood flowed in the Soviet Union during the war than water flows in Canadian rivers."

"Debating Societies"

He said a wholesale participation of smaller nations would turn the committees into "debating societies."

He concluded: "Brazil is taking part in questions that concern Poland and Poland is taking part in questions concerning Mexico and nobody is thinking about Germany."

Murphy said the United States considered the question of small-nation participation one of top priority and was not satisfied to let the matter drop and would continue to press it strongly.

Britain had suggested that all the small nations should be represented on the four committees and their sub-committees. Murphy suggested as a compromise that "nations with a direct interest in a particular problem be placed on the committee concerned.—Associated Press.

British Aid To Greece

London, Mar. 18.

Foreign Office sources said tonight that Britain, far from withdrawing completely from Greece after March 31, will continue to maintain economic, legal and police missions there to advise the Greek Government.

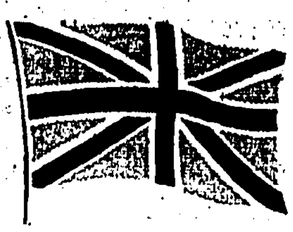
Furthermore, these sources said, Britain possibly may be bound by her guarantee, given in 1939, to defend Greece against aggression. Whether this guarantee still was operative, however, is an open question.

British aid to Turkey since the end of the war largely has been limited to a military mission to train the Turkish army in the use of British weapons and that mission will remain, Foreign Office sources said.

Britain also will be obliged under the Anglo-French-Turkish alliance signed on October 19, 1939, to go to Turkey's assistance if she "becomes involved in hostilities with a European power."

These considerations, along with the British intention to withdraw British garrison troops from Greece "as soon as practicable," probably figured in today's Cabinet discussion of President Truman's announcement of American assistance for Greece and Turkey.

No details were available of the Cabinet meeting, but it was doubtful if any decisions were taken.—United Press.



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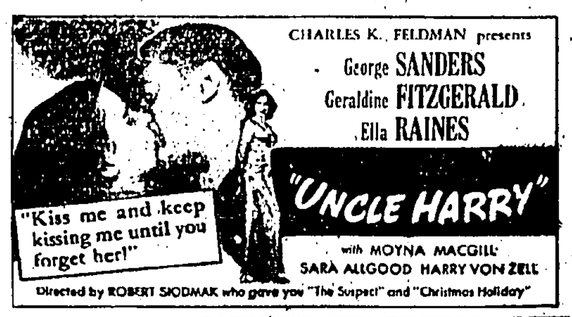

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BRITAIN WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST-MANNED NAVY

London, Mar. 18.

Cruisers, a light fleet carrier, destroyers, frigates and corvettes have been, or are being, transferred to the Dominions, Allies and India by sale, gift or loan, said Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty when introducing the Navy Estimate of £196,700,000 in the House of Commons today.

He said that the light fleet carrier "Colossus" had been lent to France; the escort carrier "Nairana" to The Netherlands; and the cruiser "Aurora" was shortly being lent to China.

The prevention of illegal immigration into Palestine by sea had been one of the most trying of the Navy's commitments and a naval force had been maintained at Haifa throughout the year for this purpose.

"During the summer the work was particularly heavy and between May and November no less than 14 ships were intercepted, each one containing between 400 and 2,500 immigrants," Mr. Dugdale said.

He saw for himself last year what British sailors were doing in Haifa.

"They were neither pro-Jews nor pro-Arabs. They had a job to do and they did it with firmness, tact and efficiency. "They cross-examined me good-humouredly on anything and everything for considerable time and I understand that Mr. Anthony Eden was put through the mill too when he visited them the year before."

Naval Aviation

Other points made by Mr. Dugdale were: Today, something like a quarter of the Navy was engaged directly or indirectly in naval aviation and the proportion was increasing. The Navy had 23 airfields and air establishments at Home and abroad, employing 22,500 men and women on shore jobs.

This year there would be only two destroyers laid down; they would introduce some important changes in naval ship-building and marine engineering.

While there would be no major new work of construction and development this year, money would be spent on research, especially into the effects of the atom bomb on naval warfare.

"Best Manned"

Britain could not hope any longer to have the largest navy in the world.

"But we hope to have the best equipped as we are certain that we shall always have the best manned."

Mr. James Thomas, Conservative and Mr. Dugdale's predecessor at the Admiralty, asked whether a final decision had been reached about handing over the "Ajax" and "Achilles" to India. He said that the Opposition felt strongly that those two ships, with such a glorious history, should not leave the Navy.—Reuter.

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Hongmoon 4 p.m.
Macao, Taishan and Shekki 4 p.m.
Canton 4 p.m.
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Airmail for Canton and Chungking; Airmail for Amoy, Nanking, Hankow and Tsingtao (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

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Straits 10 a.m.
Shanghai 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow 2 p.m.
Bangkok and Madras 3 p.m.
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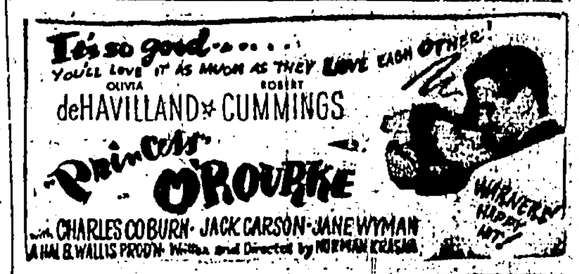

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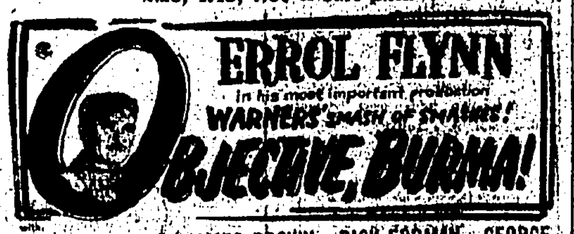

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Russian Attacked In Carinthia

Vienna, Mar. 18.

British troops had to protect the Tass official Soviet news agency correspondent and a Yugoslav journalist while order was being restored yesterday in the Carinthian town of Eisenkeppel, 16 miles east of Klagenfurt, after a clash between Austrians and Slovenes, the Austrian Communist Party newspaper "Oesterreichische Zeitung" reported today.

The correspondents, the newspaper said, were attacked by a group of men armed with sticks and led by a former Austrian storm trooper, Anton Jerlich, and a Russian White Guard, Sovchenko.

Supporters of the Slovene Freedom Front had organised a meeting at a local cinema and the Austrian police tried to break up the demonstration as the Slovenes marched to the cinema with banners and Slovene flags.

A company of British troops with one tank were sent to the town to restore order when fighting between the two groups broke out.—Reuter.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Frankfurt, Mar. 18.

Nine German concentration camp guards were sentenced to death today by the High Court in Rastatt (French Zone) for crimes against humanity, DANA, the German news service in the American zone, reported today. Other accused were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to seven years.—Reuter.

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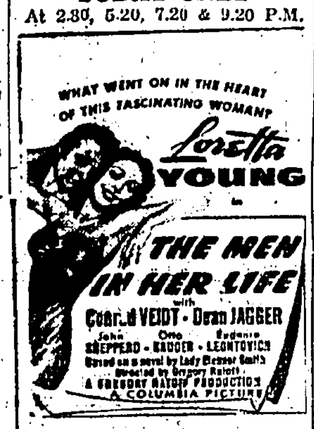

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U.S. Navy To Visit The Dardanelles

Washington, Mar. 18.

The U. S. Navy Department stated tonight that a United States Task Force, led by the 27,000-ton aircraft-carrier "Leyte," will visit the Dardanelles next month.

The Force, of which the "Leyte" will be flagship, will include three light cruisers and six destroyers.

No mention was made of a possible call by the carrier at Piraeus, but it was stated that the "Leyte" would call at Suda Bay.

The Navy Department said that the visit has been under consideration for two months.—Reuter.

New York, Mar. 19.

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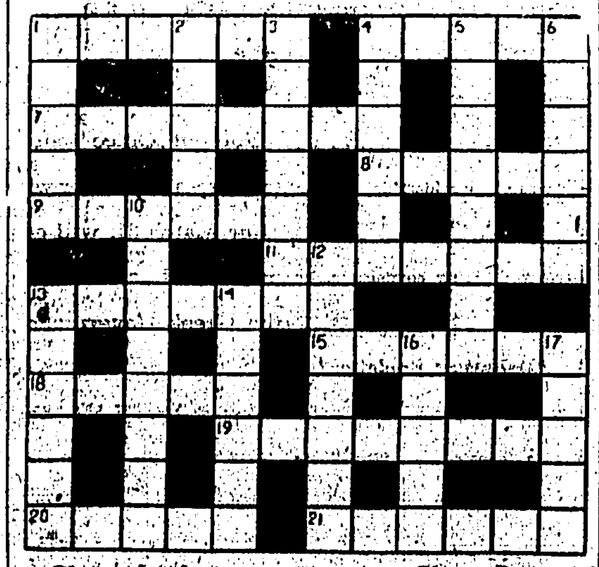

Clues Across

1. Terrify.
4. Unemotional.
7. Pause.
8. Tennis score.
9. Maker of clothes.
11. Specimens.
13. Hurried.
15. About.
16. Field.
18. Beverage.
19. Loud.
20. Lock of hair.
21. Form of prayer.

Clues Down

1. Direct attention to.
2. Perfect.
3. Different.
4. Not often.
5. Cancelled.
6. Constraint.
10. Unsafe.
12. High naval rank.
13. Pail.
14. Tenancy agreements.
16. Financial check.
17. Humorous.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1. Asks; 4. Address; 8. Cuber; 9. Slice; 10. Acclaim; 11. Iota; 13. Dumb; 14. Emerald; 17. Unity; 19. Spine; 22. Inward; 24. Lair; 25. Alloy; 26. Allowed; 30. Dope; 30. Slug; 31. Promote; 32. Earn.

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We'll Soon All Be Able To Buy Gold Again

New York, Mar. 19.

A South African gold firm official, J.P. Anderson of the Union Corporation, predicted today that common men all over the world will soon again be able to buy gold to treasure against financial uncertainties.

He said the buying of gold is reviving in Asia. There, he said, the trust of the people in the yellow metal has not diminished. He said that India, when it recovered from its economic depression, is certain to buy for a long time to come.

China is on the point of becoming a buyer of gold, he declared, and the Middle East will be able to acquire more gold.

Anderson said if the governments permit, the people of Asia will absorb close to half the world production of gold.

He predicted the other half would go to the peoples of the Western world, because mistrust of fiat money is so strong among some of them.

At present the world is using about one-third of the world production for fine arts. That compares with one-half for this purpose up to the end of the 1920's.

Anderson said he expected consumption for the arts would rise again to one-half. He did no' predict a time for the gold revival.

He said the United States now has two-thirds of the world's monetary gold.

Practically nothing is known of Russia's gold production, he said, but there are estimates of Russian production of 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 ounces a year.

Anderson declared that for many years the rate of expansion of world economic activity and production of gold have moved very much in step.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Mar. 19.

The stock market continued to reach timidly for recovery but dealings remained among the lowest of the year. Gains of fractions to two or more points persisted in most cases at the close. Transfers were around 660,000 shares. Among the gainers were Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio, Great Northern Railway, Dow Chemical, and Texas Company.

The Dow Jones averages: Stocks 63.66, 20 Industrials 174.95, 15 Rails 48.70, 10 Utilities 35.78.

Closing quotations:—

Adams Express 15½, Alaska Juneau 5, American Can 95, American Smelting 64⅝, American Telephone 165⅞, American Tobacco 73½, American Waterworks 15½, Anaconda Copper 39⅛, Aviation Corporation 6¾, Baldwin Locomotive 20⅛, Barnsdall 23, Bendix Aviation 34¾, Bethlehem Steel 94⅝, Boeing Aircraft 21⅜, Borden Co. 48½, Canadian Pacific 12½, J. I. Case 84⅝, Chrysler 95⅞, Colgate 47⅜, Commercial Solvents 24⅛, Corn Products 68¾, Dupont 183¼, Eastman Kodak 235½, Electric Light & Power 17, General Electric 33⅜, General Motors 59¼, Goodrich —, Goodyear Motors 59⅞, Goodrich 62½, Goodyear 54⅞, Greyhound 20⅞, Homestake Mining 39⅞, International Harvester 81, International Paper 46, International Tel & Tel 18⅜, Johns Manville 125, Kennecott Copper 45½, Montgomery Ward 57⅛, National Distillers 19⅝, National Lead 30⅞, New York Central 17⅜, Packard Motors 6½, Pan American Airways 13⅛, Pennsylvania RR 22⅜, Radio Corporation 8¾, Real Silk 16, Republic Steel 28⅞, Reynolds Tobacco 40⅝, Schenley 40⅜, Sears Roebuck 36⅝, Shell Oil 27, Socony Vacuum 14⅛, Southern Pacific 41, Standard Brands 34⅝, Standard Oil of Cal. 54½, Standard Oil of N.J. 64½, Studebaker 21⅝, Union Bag 30⅛, Union Carbide 97, U.S. Rubber 52½, U.S. Steel 72½, Westinghouse 25⅞, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 67.—Associated Press.

New York Exchanges

American A/C Sterling 4.02⅜, 4.02-13/16, 3 Months 4.02¼, 4.02-5/16, On Sweden 27.82, 27.85, France 84-1/16, 84-3/16, Switzerland (Official) 24.00, 24.25, (Free) 26.62, 26.69, Switzerland Commercial 28.40, Spain 9.17n, Portugal 4.08, offered, Australia 3.22½, New Zealand 3.23⅞, offered, South Africa 4.02⅜, offered, British East Africa 20.25, offered, India 30.21, offered, Shanghai 12,000, Argentine (Official) 29.77, (Free) 24.42, offered, Brazil 5.46, offered, Bolivia (Official) 2.25, (Free) 2.25, 2.40, Chile (Official) 5.16n, (Free) 3.25, offered, (Export) 4.00, Columbia 56.88, 58.25, Cuba 100.00, Ecuador 7.60, offered, Guatemala 100, Holland 37.80, 37.85, Mexico 20.57, 20.62, Peru 15.30, 15.50, Uruguay 56.50, 56.50, Venezuela 29.90, 30.10, Netherlands West Indies 53.00, 53.10, Dutch Guinea 53.35, offered, Montreal on London 4.02, 4.04, Montreal on New York 91.125, Swiss Bank Notes rate 26.50, 27.00, Belgium Franc 2.28½, 2.29, Pound Notes 202, 206, Paraguay 32.75, offered.—Reuter.

HOTEL STRIKE SPREADS

London, Mar. 18.

The strike of staffs of the Savoy group of leading hotels in London spread today to Claridges Hotel, where a number of restaurant and kitchen staff stopped work.—

The strike began at the Savoy group of hotels last Thursday, when 1,120 members of the staffs walked out following the suspension of a waiter for alleged indiscipline.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

H.K. Govt. Loans, 4% 1978n, 31⅝; (1934) 103b.

Banks. HK Bank 1680x.d.b. (Lon. Reg.) 1034½x.d.n.; Chartered Bank 125½n; Mercantile Bk. A & B 215; Bank of East Asia cum Rts. 148x.d.n.

Insurances. Canton Ins. 415b; Union Ins. 695b 710a 705n; China Underwriters 90cts.n; HK Fire Ins. 320b 345an.

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Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc. HK & K Wharves 155b; HK Docks 95m Rts. 19½b 20a 19¾an; Providents 143½b.

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs. H & Hotels 18.00b 19¾a 19an; HK Lands 84b 82/84½an, 4% Dbts. 105n; Humphreys HK Realties 17b; Chinese Estates 125b.

Public Utilities. HK Tramways 35⅛b 35½an; Peak Trams (Old) 11a, (New) 5a; Star Ferries 83b 82an; Yaumati Ferries 23¾n; China Lights (Old) 11.60b 11⅝a 11¾/.60an, (New) 8an; HK Electrics 35⅛b 35½a 34.70/35¾an; Macao Electrics 15a; Sandakan Lights 6¼n; Telephones (Old) 38¾b 38½a 38¾an, (New) 20⅝b 21an.

Industrials. Canton Ices 5b, 5¼an; Cements 15½b 15¾a 15⅝; HK Ropes 9.00b 10/10.10an.

Stores, &c. Dairy Farms 48b 46⅜/47an; Watsons 20b 28½/29an; Lane, Crawford 24½b; Sincere 7½; China Emporium 6½n; Sun Co., Ltd. 3.20b; Kwong Sang Hong 215x.d.n; Wing On (HK) 90x.d.n; Wm. Powell, Ltd. 3a.

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London Exchanges

London, Mar. 18.

On New York 4.027, 4.032, Montreal 4.027, 4.032, Zurich 17.34, 17.38, Stockholm 14.37, 14.50, Buenos Aires unquoted Brazil 75.4416, Brazil (sellers) unquoted, Uruguay unquoted, Belgium 175.50, 176.75, Paris & French Empire 475.50, 480.30, Syria 880, 885, Lisbon 99.80, 100.20, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17.25, 17.50, Netherlands West Indies 7.54, Netherlands East Indies 10.68, 10.70, Holland 10.63, Panama 4.02, 4.04, Denmark 19.32, 19.36, Prague 201, 202, Norway 19.98, 20.02, Palestine 99⅝, 100⅛, Philippines 8.09, 8.14.

Forward rates, one months: United States ⅜ p, ⅝ D, Canada ¼ p, ¼ D, Switzerland 1½ p, 1½ D, Sweden 1½ p, 1½ D, Paris 40 cents, 40 cents, Holland 1 cent, 1 cent.

Bank of England Clearing rates: Madrid 44.00, Italy 71.25.

Free market rates: India 17.94, 18.06 Australia 125.00, 125.50, New Zealand 124.37, 125.00, South Africa 100.00, 100.50, Teheran 128, 130, Alexandria 97.375, 97.625, Singapore 2/4-1/16, 2/4¼, Hongkong 15-15/16, 1/3-1/16, Philippines 8.10, 8.15, Rangoon 1/5-15/16, 1/6-1/16, Shanghai unquoted.

Special A/C rates: Lima 26.10, 26.16, Lupiz 168.62, 170.32, Valparaise 100.625, 101.500, Turkey 1128.40, 1139.68, Uruguay 7.15, 7.20.

Central American A/C rates: Mexico 19.45, 19.65, Bogota 7.00, 7.08.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 18.

It was another day of disappointing markets, the only bright spot being the sustained improvement in British Government securities, which in the later stages found some reflection in other domestic issues, although in actual turnover the situation in those groups did not materially alter.

In the foreign rail market, Brazilians turned somewhat easier after a good opening but the home rail section remained without alteration throughout the day. Europeans were dull among foreign bonds but there was some enquiry and support for South American issues, particularly Brazilians.

South African gold shares enjoyed fair popularity, especially the new central Witwatersrands on rumoured encouraging borehold developments and this section finished irregularly higher. There was modest support for some of the leading oils but teas and rubbers were inclined to lose a few pence mainly owing to lack of interest.

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S.S. "TINGSANG" ..... to Saigon 8th April.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "WINGSANG" ..... from Shanghai 24th Mar.
S.S. "HINSANG" ..... from Sandakan 20th Mar.
S.S. "WOSANG" ..... from Singapore & Penang 31st Mar.
S.S. "TINGSANG" ..... from Kobe (Japan) 5th Apr.
S.S. "TAKSANG" ..... from Calcutta & Straits 20th Apr.

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"STRATHMORE"	U.K.	1st April
"PINDARRA"	U.K.	3rd April
"SAMSOARING"	U.K.	April
"TREVELYAN"	U.K.	May
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Hitler Impooible AfterStalingrad

—Says Gen. Milch

Nuernberg, Mar. 18.

Hitler in his last years was no longer normal, declared Field Marshal Milch at today's session of his trial before a military court here for war crimes. Hitler was not really mad, but his logical powers were blurred, Milch said.

"On July 30, 1944," Milch said, "Hitler and Goering received me coldly and Hitler threatened to dismiss me.

"Until 1939, when the campaign started, I believed Hitler would avoid war, and that his threats were only bluff. I only recognised at the beginning of the war that Hitler's system was not good thing for Germany."

The early German victories, Milch said, changed Hitler completely.

"He tolerated no contradiction and lost the confidence of his generals," he said. "Hitler believed he was a great captain and attributed to himself the successes won by his generals. While formerly he tolerated scarcely any flattery, he became very susceptible to it.

"After Stalingrad, no dealing with him was possible, and I know from Hitler's doctor that Hitler had daily injections containing strychnine and hormones."

Milch said he received no further distinctions after 1940, when he received the Knight's Cross and rank of General Field Marshal.

"On Hitler's 50th birthday I received a photograph and a cheque for a quarter of a million marks, which I accepted only as compensation because I earned less from the state than if I had remained with the German civil air line, Lufthansa," Milch said.

"Bribery"

"Lufthansa once offered me 50,000 marks to join the aircraft industry, but I refused this as bribery."

Under cross-examination, Milch said he only knew about two concentration camps. When he visited the Dachau concentration camp in 1945 he formed the opinion that it contained "idlers and good-for-nothings who were not willing to do their duty to the Fatherland."

Milch replied to many questions by saying that his memory had failed him.—Reuter.

Japanese Still Fighting

Pearl Harbour, Mar. 19.

Three detachments of U.S. Marines were despatched by air today from Guam and Oahu to reinforce the garrison on Peleliu Island, where a group of "hold out" Japanese attacked a Marine patrol with hand grenades.

Marine Corps officials said an organised band of 12 "renegade" Japanese took part in an attack under the command of a former Japanese naval officer.

Fifty other Japanese holdouts are believed to be still at large.

Marine headquarters announced that a special detail of 21 airborne marines left yesterday for Peleliu, and 15 more will leave by air today. Forty-one other marines are en route from Guam.

The marines are expected to engage in a cleanup campaign against the Japanese group responsible for the attack.

The location of the Japanese headquarters and the sources of their ammunition are unknown.—United Press.

Planned Parenthood

Detroit, Mich, Mar. 19.

Arguing for planned parenthood, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, head of the New York Methodist area, has given his opinion that "it is better to rear a family of four or five healthy children than to breed a family of 20 children."

This was the view the churchman gave members of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America at a meeting here. He added that planning in the realm of parenthood "is an obligation at once sacred and patriotic."

Said Bishop Oxnam:—

"Religious leaders who declare that sexual intercourse in the married state shall be solely for the purpose of procreation, and who dare designate all other sexual intercourse as lust, seek to defile one of the most sacred of human relationships."—Associated Press.

Soviet Consul Alarmed

Shanghai, Mar. 18

The Soviet Consul this afternoon called on Dr. Che Kuo-Lien, Director of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, seeking a guarantee for the safety of the Soviet Consul-General here in view of the "mounting tide of public sentiment, which is regarded as anti-Soviet."

Dr. Che Kuo-Lien assured him that steps will be taken to see that such a guarantee is forthcoming by the proper authorities, although "there is no possible manner of stopping the expression of patriotic feelings by the public if such is within the law."—Reuter.

Living Nightmares

Yokohama, Mar. 19.

The week-long reading of affidavits in which prisoners of war accused their Japanese captors of responsibility for the deaths of more than 1,300 of their fellow prisoners while enroute to Japan was concluded by the prosecution today.

Many allegedly died in "living nightmares that drove them insane," in the holds of prison ships or were beheaded as they knelt beside their graves.

Only 600 survived the trip.

The trial of former Lieut. Juhashiro Yoshio and eight others [illegible] continues [illegible]—Associated Press.

Hunan Rice Export Ban Imposed

Canton, Mar. 19.

Owing to good demand in the United States, daily shipments of tung oil are arriving here by the Canton-Hankow Railway from Hunan for export via Canton and Hong Kong.

The demand is so briak that the price rose from CN$400,000 a picul to CN$500,000 a picul on March 16. Hunan merchants dealing in this commodity are making good profits.

The Hunan provincial government, however, has banned the export of rice to this province, which is badly in need of this staple food. The objection is that people in Kwangtung would smuggle the Hunanese rice to Hong Kong for sale at a higher profit.

Governor Wang Tung-yuan would consent to the shipment of rice to Kwangtung, but this is objected to by the Hunan provincial council, an advisory body. Rice price in Canton is about CN$900,000 a picul, while that in Hunan is only one-half of the price.

Cotton Yarn

Shanghai is sending a large quantity of cotton yarn to Canton via the Canton-Hankow Railway. It is said that merchants are making about CN $400,000 profit a bale. The cotton yarn is not allowed to be exported from Kwangtung.

The railroad is used to ship petrol, kerosene, salt, matches and imported goods in general from Canton to Hunan and the [illegible] Valley.—Associated Press.

UNION WAR IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Mar. 18.

Gunmen today attempted to assassinate James Crowley, 42, President of the Chicago AFL Bartenders Union, but killed his wife by mistake in an ambush which the Police believed was planned by gangsters attempting to gain control of the rich union.

Crowley was wounded in the right arm and shoulder.—United Press.

Kesselring Defence On Reprisals

Venice, Mar. 18.

Protesting today against the defence move to cite American laws of war, Colonel Richard Halse, prosecutor at the trial of Field Marshal Kesselring, declared: "My case is quite clear—you are entitled to take reprisals but you are not entitled to take lives of innocent people."

The defence counsel had quoted the American military law on hostages, saying that they coincided with Kesselring's views.

Judge Advocate C. L. Stirling, saying that the Court would hear legal arguments on the point, read the following extract from the American rules: "Hostages taken and held for the declared purpose of ensuring against all unlawful acts of the enemy forces or people may be punished or put to death if unlawful acts are nevertheless committed."

Dietrich Belitz, a Colonel on Kesselring's staff, continued his evidence this afternoon, and said that the German police company wiped out when a bomb exploded on a Rome street on March 23, 1944, was composed almost entirely of South Tyroleans, and nearly one hundred South Tyroleans of Italian nationality were either killed or injured.

Sharp reprisals were imperative, Belitz said, because a revolt in Rome would have upset the entire conduct of German warfare in Italy.—Reuter.

Sydney Dock Strike

Sydney, Mar. 19.

Hopes of an early settlement of the strike by Sydney watersiders, who are objecting to overtime work, have faded owing to the Stevedoring Industry Commission's rejection of the Watersiders' Federation offer to admit 500 new members if the overtime order is rescinded.

The shipping position is now acute with 70 ships idle and cargo piling up, and Sydney is expected to be without potatoes and also sugar as the Colonial Sugar Refining Works at Pyrmount have practically ceased production.

Unless the strike terminates by tomorrow, the shipment of 2,578 chests of tea from Colombo on the liner Asturias may go overseas again, as the vessel is due to sail on Saturday.—Reuter.

LINCOLN RACES WASHED OUT?

London, Mar. 18.

Flat racing due to start at Lincoln next Monday may be held up by the flood water on the course. The water has already reached two feet deep in places and it is still rising by inches. The Clerk of the Course and the Jockey Club inspector of the Racecourse, are to inspect the track on Thursday to make a final decision.—Reuter.

BOMBS EXPLODE

Buenos Aires, Mar. 19.

Two bombs exploded at 2 a.m. this morning at a synagogue in Treaarroyos City in the Province of Buenos Aires.

The building was damaged but there were no casualties.

The explosion was blamed as an anti-Semetic demonstration. [illegible]

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Buffs Officers Prominent

(By Recorder)

A fair number of spectators was attracted to Caroline Hill yesterday when the Combined Services' Athletic Association made its bow to the local sports world with what turned out to be one of the most efficiently conducted athletic meets I have yet seen in this Colony.

Performances on the whole were on the poor side and far below the pre-war Area Sports Board or even the inter-school standards. There was a good deal of enthusiasm, though, and with good coaching some of yesterday's competitors will be able to do much better.

Best performance came in the Quarter Mile, won in a blanket finish by 2/Lt. Broadley, of 2 Buffs, who turned in a neat 56 3/5 secs., with at least two or three of the others under 60 seconds, and in the Half Mile, won in 2 mins. 14 secs. by 2/Lt. Jackson, also of 2 Buffs.

These were by far the best races of the day. In the "Half", Jackson was content to lay back fourth over a 64-second first lap, a bit on the fast side, and overtook Capt. Pearn, of 42 R.M. Commando in the home stretch.

The "Quarter" saw Major Ormsby, of the West Yorks, mistime the piling on of the pace shortly after the second turn, where he appeared to have the race in hand, and finish a winded third in a close finish behind Broadley and Mne. McQuade, of 42 R.M. Commando, with Hannan of the Royal Navy a close fourth. It was a good early season effort and all four could reach the 54 to 56 second standard.

The triangular meet was won by 3 Commando Brigade, with 51 points, Army finishing with 45 and the Combined Royal Navy-Royal Air Force team trailing with 36.

There were no "doubles" scored, though Cpl. Sewell, R.A.F., managed to finish second in both sprints beside winning the high jump with a mark of 5 feet 3 inches. Track performances were on the poor side, achievements in the field events still poorer.

The G.O.C., Major-General G.W.E.J. Erskine, presented the prizes to the winners of the two open events and in a short address mentioned Lt.-Col. E.P.C. Bruce, M.C., Officer Commanding the 2nd Bn. The Buffs, Lieut. E. L. Marsh, R.M., and 2/Lieut. K. F. McGrath, 2 Buffs, as being among those responsible for the Combined Services' Athetic Association coming into being.

Summaries:

Track Events

100 Yards: 1, Sgt. Drayton (45 R.M. Cdo.); 2, Cpl. Sewell (R.A.F.); 3, Cpl. Baxter (R.A.F.) and Cpl. Higgs (2 Buffs).

220 Yards: 1, Mne. Raynor (44 R.M. Cdo.); 2, Cpl. Sewell (R.A.F.); 3, Cpl. Wykes (42 R.M. Cdo.); 4, 2/Lt. McGrath (2 Buffs). Time: 24 3/5 secs.

440 Yards: 1, 2/Lt. Broadley (2 Buffs); 2, Mne. McQuade (42 R.M. Cdo.); 3, Major Ormsby (West Yorks); 4, Gnr. Hannan (Royal Navy). Time: 56 3/5 secs.

880 Yards: 1, 2/Lt. Jackson (2 Buffs); 2, Capt. Pearn (42 R.M. Cdo.); 3, Mne. Corcoran (44 R.M. Cdo.). Time: 2 mins. 14 secs.

One Mile: 1, Mne. Fairman (42 R.M. Cdo.); 2, Sgt. Waterton (27 Field Regt., R.A.); 3, Pte. Garrity (2 Buffs). Time: 5 mins. 7 secs.

One Mile Open: 1, Cheung Chew; 2, J. Remedios; 3, Cheung Kiu-way. Time: 5 mins. 40 secs.

Three Miles Open to Services: 1, Mne. Baker (3 Cdo. Bde.); 2, Cpl. Peard (3 Cdo. Bde.); 3, Stoker Fensome (Royal Navy).

Medley Relay (440, 220, 880, 220 Yards): 1, 3 Cdo. Brigade (Lt. Goddard, Mne. Raynor, Capt. Pearn and Sgt. Drayton); 2, Army (Major Ormsby, 2/Lt. McGrath, 2/Lt. Jackson and Cpl. Higgs); 3, R.N./R.A.F. (Gnr. Hannan (R.N.), Cpl. Sewell (R.A.F.), A/C. Neville (R.A.F.) and Cpl. Baxter (R.A.F.).

Field Events

High Jump: 1, Cpl. Sewell (R.A.F.) 5ft. 3ins.; 2, LAC. Ryan (R.A.F.) 5ft. 2ins.; 3, Lt. Lloyd (42 R.M. Cdo.) 5ft. 1in.; 4, Pte. Neilsen (2 Buffs) 5ft. 1in.

Long Jump: Mne. Corcoran (44 R.M. Cdo.) 19ft. 4½in.; 2, AME. Howell (Royal Navy) 18ft. 2ins.; 3, 2/Lieut. Bradley (2 Buffs) 17ft. 8½ins.; 4, L/Sig. Seth (Royal Navy).

Shot Put: 1, Pte. Larsen (2 Buffs) 34ft. 10ins.; 2, Sgt. Arnold (44 R.M. Cdo.) 29ft. 10ins.; 3, Pte. Christensen (2 Buffs) 29ft. 9ins.; 4, Cpl. Absalom (44 R.M. Cdo.) 29ft. 8ins.

Discus Throw: 1, Cpl. Absalom (44 R.M. Cdo.) 88ft. 2ins.; 2, Pte. Christensen (2 Buffs) 83ft. 6ins.; 3, Pte. Larsen (2 Buffs) 83ft. 2ins.; 4, Lt. Guest (45 R.M. Cdo.) 81ft. 10ins.

Javelin Throw: 1, Pte. Vanstrupp (2 Buffs) 134ft. 11ins.; 2, LAM. Thompson (Royal Navy) 123ft. 11½ins.; 3, LAC. Ryan (R.A.F.); 4, Sgts. Dodds (44 R.M. Cdo.).

SECRET YALTA PROTOCOL

London, Mar. 18.

The terms of a second secret protocol said to have been concluded by the Big Three powers at Yalta in February, 1945, were released by M. Molotov at the Moscow conference yesterday. The first secret protocol, which became public a year later, dealt with the conditions on which the Soviet Union should enter the war against Japan.

The secret protocol the text of which was released by M. Molotov yesterday contained the first Great Power agreement on reparation payments to be made by Germany. The authenticity of the text was confirmed by a Foreign Office spokesman in London tonight.

This agreement is of major importance to the discussions now going on in Germany if its text is also confirmed by the United States, since it includes a provision that reparations may be taken from current production.

The Soviet wish to extract reparations in this form and British opposition has so far provided the major obstacle to attaining German economic unity as agreed at Potsdam.

M. Molotov, announcing the text of the agreement, said: "I shall have to make public a decision at the Crimea conference which has not been published hitherto."

In its morning bulletin today the official Soviet News Agency Tass, have the following text as released yesterday by Molotov:

"The protocol on the talks between the heads of the three Governments at the Crimea conference on the question of German reparations in kind. The heads of the three governments agreed as follows:

"1. Germany must pay in kind for the losses caused by her to Allied nations in the course of the war. Reparations are to be received in the first instance by those countries which have borne the main burden of the war, have suffered losses and have organised the victory over the enemy.

Reparations

"2. Reparations are to be exacted from Germany in the three following forms.

"(a) bulk removal within two years from the surrender of Germany or the cessation of organised resistance from the national wealth of Germany located in the territory of Germany herself as well as outside her territory.

"(b) equipment, machine tools, ships, rolling stock, German investments abroad, shares of industrial, transport, navigation and other enterprises in Germany.

"(c) the annual deliveries of goods from current production for a period to be fixed.

"(d) the use of German labour.

"3. For the working out on the above principles of a detailed plan for the exaction of reparations from Germany the Allied Reparations Commission to be set up in Moscow, consisting of representatives of the USSR; the United States and of the United Kingdom.

"4. With regard to the fixing of the total sums of reparations as well as the distribution of it among the countries which suffered from German aggression, the Soviet and American delegations agreed as follows:

50 Per Cent To Russia

"The Moscow reparations commission should take, in the initial stages as the basis for discussion, the suggestion of the Soviet Government that the total sum of reparations in accordance with points (a), (b) and (c) of Para. 2, should be $20,000,000,000 and that 50 per cent of it should go to the USSR.

"The British delegation was of the opinion that pending consideration of the reparations question by the Moscow reparations commission no figures of reparations should be mentioned.

"The above Soviet-American proposal has been passed to Moscow for the reparations commission as one of the proposals to be considered by the commission.

"Signed, 'Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin.'"

This disclosure, not published at the time, has caused some astonishment among London observers today.

Questioned in the House of Commons on March 4, 1946 as to whether all secret agreements connected with the Yalta conference had then been published, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, at that time Minister of State, said: "I am not aware that any other secret agreement was concluded at the Crimea conference."

He subsequently added: "I have just said there was no [illegible] published on Febuary 11" (relating to the entry into the war with Japan).

Reuters Diplomatic correspondent writes:—

Vital Issue

The vital issue which M. Molotov has raised is whether the secret Yalta protocol, which admits the principle of reparations from current production, is supplementary to or superseded by the Potsdam agreement which makes no reference to this principle.

M. Molotov maintained the two agreements must be read together since the section of the Potsdam agreement covering reparation payments opened with the words: "In accordance with the Crimea decision."

Though the Potsdam agreement only covered payment by the removal of capital and equipment it contained no clause condemning payment from current production.

It merely stated that reparation payments must leave enough resources for Germany to exist without external assistance and that payment for essential imports to Germany must be the first charge of German production.—Reuter.

U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States will retain the use of sixteen bases in the Philippines and may secure permission at any time to use seven others under an agreement signed in Manila on March 14, it was disclosed today, when the State Department published the text of the agreement.

The Legislature of both countries must approve the agreement before it becomes effective.—Reuter.

Phillips Decision Unpopular

London, Mar. 18.

After taking four counts in the fourth round, Al Phillips, of London, fought back to win the Empire featherweight championship at the Royal Albert Hall here tonight, by outpointing Cliff Anderson, coffee-coloured bantamweight champion of British Guiana, over 15 rounds.

The decision was unpopular with a large section of the crowd, who demonstrated long after the end of the contest. The crowd stamped its feet and booed, and orange and apple peel was thrown in the ring.

The next bout on the programme began to the accompaniment of hisses and boos; the police cordoned off the ring to protect officials.

There was no doubt that it was a very close decision, but Phillips was just ahead when the last round commenced. Anderson tried hard to land a finishing punch in the third round, but Phillips kept going in with his head down to take off the force of the punches.

Several times during the fight, Anderson had Phillips in trouble and only the bell saved the London boxer in the fourth round after he had taken terrific punishment. Phillips, who was tremendously powerful, fought back strongly and piled on points with his left.

At the weighing-in Phillips was one ounce under nine stone, while Anderson weighed eight stone seven and a half pounds.

The title became vacant recently through the retirement of Ned Tarleton, of Liverpool.—Reuter.

Open Tennis Tournament

The following were the results of the remaining games in the Second Round of the Open Singles Tennis Championship played yesterday:—

George Chan beat M. Ma 6-0, 6-3.

Roch Laing beat B.C. Fay 6-1, 6-0.

The First Round of the Open Doubles will start today when four games will be played as follows:—

Lam Kwan and Wong Hok-nang v Albert Chan and James Hsu.

Lt. Wilson and Lt. Coop v Buster Poon and P. Poon.

Tsui Brothers v Lt. Emmett and Capt. Russell.

Lee Wai-tong and B. Szeto v A. E. P. Guest and J. W. Leonard.

H.K.F.A. MEETING

A meeting of the full Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held this afternoon at 5.30 p.m. in the Hongkong Hotel.

The main items on the agenda will be to consider the report of the referee on the Memorial Cup game played on Thursday, March 13, the letters of four registered referees requesting the removal of their names from the list of active referees of the association, and the passing if thought fit, of such resolutions and to adopt such action as may be considered expedient in the matter.

Britain's Task--Work To Survive

London, Mar. 18.

Mr. Attlee tonight broadcast a "Work to Survive" message to the nation. He said the difficulties facing the nation were too serious and a challenge too immediate to allow him to indulge in party score.

Giving the Government's plan for Britain to overcome the difficulties facing her he reaffirmed his faith in the ability of the British people. "The British people are never daunted by difficulties; the greater the emergency the more readily they respond to the call for service. We shall win in the peace just as we did in the war," he said.

"Some people abroad are suggesting that the day of Britain is over. Some of them thought so in the war, but they discovered their mistake. Britain showed the world that she could stand up to terrible odds in the defence of the British way of life.

"We will show the world today that British democracy can, by self-discipline and the team-spirit, overcome our economic troubles and advance on to better times for all."

Two Tasks

As a nation Britain had two tasks to perform [illegible] vices for home needs and to pay for food and raw materials she must get from abroad.

"We want a sustained effort by the nation, but to be effective this effort must be well directed," he said.

It was vitally important that the basic industries should have all the workers and equipment they needed.

"Let us all work together cheerfully. We understand team work from the games we play. We will continue to play our games, but we must not let them take precedence of work."—Reuter.

MAURIELLO SUSPENDED

Boston, Mar. 18.

Tami Mauriello, Bronx heavyweight who might have been an outstanding challenger for another profitable crack at Joe Louis had he behaved himself, was suspended today indefinitely by the Massachusetts Boxing Commission for trying to fight it out with the referee and his opponent, Johnny Shkor, after their fight in the Boston Arena last Friday ended in a technical kayo victory of Shkor.

The Commission also suspended both the boxers' managers.

The decision puts the New York State Boxing Commission on a spot because if it wants outside support in its ban of Rocky Graziano, in an effort to break up gambling, it must forbid Mauriello to box in New York, thereby banning one of the biggest drawing cards.—United Press.

RACE HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY

2nd Race—Coolgardie Handicap—1st Section.—6 Furlongs:—Arabian Moon 153, Argus 144, Burgomaster 147, Cassio 154, Esmeralda 145, Fat Choy 140, Flying Arrow 144, Happy Valley 160, Miami Beauty 141, Peacock 147 and Red Fox 153.

4th Race—Benarba Handicap—From the 1¼ Mile Post, 1st Section:—Elmer 148, Kim 151, Lily 154, Royal Commission 154, Thunderbolt 148 and White Dragon 150.

5th Race—Wattle Park Handicap—1 Mile:—Air Borne 147, Jeep Lee 137, Norse Queen 156, Sookunpots 140 and V-J Day 137.

6th Race—Coolgardie Handicap—2nd Section—6 Furlongs:—Al Fresco 152, Blackie 135, Canary 142, Crown Witness 152, Hot Polloi 148, Honeybelle 156, Kingfisher 152, Kookaburra 147, Midnight Express 152 and National Congress 152.

7th Race—Benarba Handicap—From the 1¼ Mile Post, 2nd Section:—Cooper 147, Lucky Strike 150, Shanghai Beauty 150, Speedaway 148, Sunshine 148 and Wodonga 149.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars."
12.47 p.m.—Turner Layton at the Piano.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Musical Comedy.
1.30 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
5.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Children's Hour.
6.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "Hospital Rounds"—Selections by Patients in Hospital, arranged by Lynn Fraser.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
7.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
7.15 p.m.—Light Variety.
7.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "It's a Pleasure."
8.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "Record Revue"—A Revue of the latest Records received by ZBW3 arranged & Presented by Robert Sloss.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—"A Choice of Colour."
9.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "The Adventures of Julie" No. 3 "Stormy Weather."
10.00 p.m.—Violin Interlude.
10.10 p.m.—Short Vocal Recital by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).
10.25 p.m.—Chopin: Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11: Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

SOLD OUT

Reserved tickets for the important football match between Sing Tao and South China to be played on the Club ground on Sunday were sold out shortly after booking started yesterday and truly-dregs who assembled at the Club house were disappointed.

Part of the crowd were indignant at not being able to obtain tickets and seemed capable of trouble, but later went away without any disturbance.

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